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Martha E. McMillan Journal
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[Martha writes the words "New Years- Day. 1884." at the top of the page.]

Today the New Year [has?] spread before us- What [is or its?] history ; What shall its lessons be?- "Will Gladness or grief walk by our side? In darkness or light Shall we abide? Shall we [?] still in [?] bright dreams, Or mourn the [?] of blighted schemes And with peaceful smile or bitter tear, Shall we watch the close of another year? Shall we cling to life with loving grasp, Or our own hands [be?] cold in death's ice [grasp?]" This had certainly been a pleasant New Years day- the snow fell beautifully and [grandly?] all day - Scarcely any intermission. [Mr. Mc?] Fannie Fred Harlan Homer Clara Clayton and Jason all at home. [Ted?] [?] Cooper and [Mr. Scalt?] and Lizzie [?] servants all at their respective work. Cousin John Mc Millan and son Edward of [Morning Son?] and our good friend Mr Brigham Harbison here for dinner and spent the day. This eve we are all at home around the [lamp?].

2 Jan. Wed. Quite a rough day indeed- [blowing? -very cold- and snowing some still In spite of the cold [Mr ?] [?] [Linston?] resumed his school to day. Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer [here?]- Clara at home with tooth ache. On yesterday Mr John [?] of Xenia was buried. He was born in [Chester?] District South Carolina. Aug 12th 1820 and died in [Xenia?] Ohio Dec 30th 1883 aged 63 years.

3 [Dec?] Thurs. [?] cold, the children [of?] yesterday at School. Bro [Silas?] here for dinner. [Mr? ?] [?] also. Clara at home to day again- Fred at home too and went to town on business for the family this afternoon- Lizzie & [?] to night. [Our?] last night- one of our young cows was accidentally killed in [?][?].

4 Jan Friday. Still cold. Snowing this afternoon. [Mr? S?] feeding [?] with us- Lizzie in the kitchen- Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at school. Fred home at [?] this P.M. [And?] went on an errand to C- [A?] [german?] from [Gainsville?] here for a [lunch?] - - Mr Mc [selling?] his sheep in [?]-

5 January. Sat- Cold in [earnest?] this morning. Thermometer 18 degrees below Zero. It was ten yesterday morning. [Rosa Graham?] buried to day at ten- Fannie would like to have gone to the funeral but it was too cold by far to [?] [my?] going out. This

afternoon Fred and Harlan at town for the mail. All the rest at home all day.

6 Jan Sabbath- Still below Zero- It was so very cold that none of us ventured to church to day- but [stayed?] at home- and tried to [?] the day best we could- we had Bible reading catechism & [reading?] at home- Old [George?] and Lizzie with us. I am sorry we could not be at church to day. I always feel that there is something solemn in the first Sabbath and the last Sabbath of the year- - Something sad in the beginning as well as in the ending. To day as we stand [upon?] this the 1st Sabbath of the New Year while we feel sad let us also be glad that we have in [trust?] "Another year for [Jesus?]; Abundant [grief?] to [yield?]; And gather to his [?] [?] [?] from every [field?]. Another year for Jesus; To triumph here [below?], And sing with trustful hearts" "Praise God From whom all blessings flow"

7 Jan Monday. Moderated but a very [lite?] snowing some still. Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at School. Lizzie putting things in order.

Mr Mc [?] and [Mr?] S- looking after sheep. I [stayed?] here for a lunch today. Bro Silas around this afternoon and cut Claytons hair. All at home around the lamp to night. Snowing

8 January. Tuesday. It has got to about 13 degrees [word scratched out, possibly "above"] above Zero this morning Mr Mc took advantage of the happy change and he and Fred and Uncle Silas went to Xenia- Fred got fitted out with a whole new Suit overcoat and all to day. Mr Smith [?] called around to see him at Mr Fred Smiths music store - As they came home they took [tea?] Aunt Jane's & attested a [?] at the hall given by Mason Lang- - Lizzie [washed?] to day. Old George and M- Scott taking care of the [sheep?]. Mr [Archie?] Mr [?] and Mr [Rev?] [Andson?] called to look at hogs- but the [market?] [ground?] very dull- they came in and chatted awhile. This eve I am not feeling well- almost sick. Mr Mc took [George?] a [?] & honey to day= She is not [?] so well.

9 January. Wed. Still Moderated- Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at School. [Mrs?]S- at [his?] feeding Old George settled up with Mr Mc this afternoon- I have been on the sick list to day- taking medicine trying to be ready to go to church tomorrow- all at home to day and to night again- "There is no place like home".

10 January. Thurs. [Fast?] - day in our church. Instead of being [all?] to [keep?] this day as I [?] [?] I was sick most of the night and continued sick to day. All the children home from School- None of us at church but Mr Mc Fred, Harlan and Homer. Fannie and Clara at home with me and helping take care of Clayton and Jason- Lizzie busy in the kitchen Mrs S- looking after [stock?]. Old George went away this morning- which is a little bit of comfort. Sister Mary came home with the [galls?] from church- And went back with Mr Mc and Fred to prayer meeting- this is the beginning of the week of prayer. Mr [Mortons?] [talk?] to day was in the 58th chapr [sic] of Isaiah beginning at the 3rd verse and onward. Mr [Linson?] called this eve-

11 January. Friday. More pleasant. Sleighing good. Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at School. I am feeling much better to day. Silas and [Mollie?] called this afternoon were here when the children came in from School. Fannie went down home with them- will attend the prayer meeting to night- and stay [till?] tomorrow. [Millie?] Mc called this morning for [Will S?]- O that boys were wise and consider what [life?] is for- and what eternity is- and what they responsibilities are. Mr Mc and the rest of us at home.

12 January. Sat. Not by any means pleasant == Snowed some to day. [Mrs?] S- feeding as usual. Mr Mc at home till after dinner when he went to C- I have been busy all day trying to make the best of everything- but in spite of all came into contact with Lizzies ungovernable [temper?]- I hope fore grace to bear it- and for away out of it. Mr Mc staid in C- and took tea at Aunt [Janes?] and attended the prayer meeting - at the U.P. Church. Fannie staid [sic] last night at grandmothers took dinner to day at Aunt Nancys. And this eve at Mary Caldwell's. and came home with father to night- I have been busy this afternoon putting things in order for tomorrow- Our wardrobe and all.

13 January. Sabb. Mild. Sleighing good. [Name scratched out and "Fred" written over it, followed by another scratched out word] Harlan Homer and Clara at Sabbath School They went in the sleigh. Fannie at home with Lizzie helping care for Clayton and Jason. Mr Mc and I at church- there in good time- Mr Mortons [text?] - "I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest the land [the words "multiply against thee" are scratched out] become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee until thou be increased and inherit the

land" God will be certain to drive out [?] [?] and our enemies - the [conquest?] is [sure?].

The promise is I will drive them out from before thee- before [?] when addressed to us it means the same thing- It means that God will drive out everything from our homes from our hearts and from his heritage- God will do this bu our own [?] - It means that we will be actively [employed?]- then will be a meeting of human and divine agency we are taught by the text that after God has [?] these enemies they will be allowed to remain in the land to [?] and [worry?] us and keep our [best?] [?] up so we will be [kept?] from setting our hearts on [this?] [?] and be [led?] to seek a home in a higher and brighter [world?]. This afternoon I read to Homer & Clara- & to night we had Bible reading and catechism.

14 January. Monday. Still pleasant. Lizzie putting things in order up stairs. [?] Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. [Mrs] Smith here on a [trade?] this morning. This afternoon Mr [Mrs?] [?] called an artist here to sketch [shop?], if [desired?], to be ready for the Ohio Register- [Mrs?] S- talking charge of the [stock?]- everything pleasant to day. This eve Nellie Little called Fannie [?] with her to [?] [name?] as she went home.

15 January. Tuesday. Quite a nice day. [McKissian?] of Perrysville [sic] Ohio here to day again to make arrangements for sketching the [?]- he was here all day and with us to night- he drew the [sheep?] in part ad will finish in the morning Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School to day. Lizzie washed. This eve Mr [?] and our artist chatting around the fire- Miss S- taking care of the [sheep?]- This eve children and all at home. It is seventeen years ago to night since Mr Mc and I were married. How far we have sailed out from the great [fear?]- far out into the realities of life- leaving the [ideal?] far behind. Tomorrow we set out upon another year- Let us [?] by what we have learned and experienced in the years that have gone- and try to make this year the happiest and brightest of all. May we indeed raise superior to everything that would hinder our advance- [?] in goodness and happiness and endeavor to make the most of life in everything.

16 January Wed. Another pleasant day. Mr. [L.D.McKission?] with [us?] [here?] after dinner- we had a nice and enjoyable time with him. The children, five, at School today. Lizzie in the kitchen [?]. Miss S- taking charge of of the [sheep?]- Mr Mc at

home all day and at home this eve. On Sabbath morning the old [Livery Stable?] in C- was burned down- owned by [Mr Townsly?].

17 January. Thurs. [Cold or Good?]- the children all at School- five. Mr Mc around home as usual. This afternoon Silas and [Mollie?] came and sat awhile. Ms [Linson?] called this eve. Fred and [Miss?] S- went in an errand to C- to night.

18 January. Friday. Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Fannie at home with Clayton and Jason- Miss S- and Lizzie busy. Mr Mc and [?] in the [carriages?] to Springfield- We met Emma [Loy?] [?] we also met [Consia?] [Beef?] and [D?]. S- [&?] [?]- took dinner with them- This afternoon the snow fell thick and fast- Snowed on us most of the way home. Fannie went with [?] and Mr and Mrs Mm [?] [with?] to [Wife Society?] at Mr Mm Townsly- I hope that this will be enough to satisfy her - and that she will consider before she is so anxious to go again.

19 January. Sat. Heavy Snow fell last night. [Deep?] snow to day. All at home to day- till this afternoon when Harlan went to C- to the [mills?]. Lizzie and [Miss S-?] at their work as usual.

20 January. Sabb. Fannie Fred Homer and Clara went in the sleigh to Sabbath School this morning [Lou?] [Blair?] [heard?] Fannie's Class- Bro Daniel came home [word scratched out] [week?] from [town name?] and was at church to day. Mrs Liggets [there?] also- Mr Mc and I there. Mr Mortons [text?] "Or despises [thou?] the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" I spent the afternoon reading to Homer and Clara After night reading and catechism.

21 January. Monday. Sleighing still fine- Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Lizzie washed to day. After School [home?] Fannie & Fred at C- on errands they called to see [?]- she has been sick with [lung fever?]. Fannie [sick?] [?]. Old [Mrs?] [Spenser?] Mrs M.K. Coopers mother buried to day. The funeral Service in our church at eleven O clock.

22 January. Tues. Nice day- Sleighing good. Lizzie got her discharge this morning unless matters are compromised she will go away tomorrow- I have been on the sick list all day- The children five at school. Mr Mc [?] to Mr [Cals?] and went to C- this afternoon home again for supper. Lizzie [?] Fred & Harlan called at Miss Smith's on an errand for [Fannie?]. Mr [Abe?] [Lan..?] daughter [?] died at two this morning- will be buried

tomorrow at twelve. Fannie read a card from [Annie?] [Pfifer?] asking us to meet her at the train this eve and she would remain two or three days with us- Mr Mc went to the five O clock train before coming out of town this eve but she failed to come.

23 January. Wed. Quite a nice day. Snowing a little. Bro David and Sister Mary here for dinner. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. All home before Uncle David and Aunt Mary went away. Mr Linson called staid [sic] for tea and spent the evening. Fannie & Fred at C- on an errand this eve. I sent [?] [Bronegan?] notes of Mr Mortons sermon preached January 13.th_.

24 January. Thurs. Getting much colder- Fannie at home to day to rest up a little as [L?] Smith will not be at School to day. Our three boys and Clara at School. I expected to have gone to C- to day early this morning but it was so cold I did not start till after dinner. I called to see [MS?] Bush as I went down- I called to see Nora [Torrences?]- - I [?] Mother Murdock not well this week- I was there a little while. Aunt Matt rode up with one [to?] Rosses girls for a sleigh side- I got my [?] [?] [?] out & fitted- Aunt Matt is going to make it for me. Aunt Jennette still away in Missouri at [Jennie Caldwells?] in Kansas City. Mr Mc around home all day and around the lamp to night. [George?] Smith & [Millie?] [?] called this morning. Miss S- attended to the feeding- Lizzie still in the kitchen troubles quiet- but not settled.

25 January. Friday. [?] [?] [?] this morning- but since the drilling we got in cold weather the first days of the year it does not seem to effect any one so badly. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer an Clara at School. Miss S and Lizzie at their respective duties- Mr Mc started to Mr Pollocks this afternoon but met him him coming to C- he turned and came back to [town?] with him and had a meeting at Mr [?] Office. Mr Mc home at dark- here for tea- & around the lamp- reading the New York [Tribune?]. [Proff?] Walton Oliver Andersons brother in laws [?] brought home to day from the [worst?]. to Springfield.

26 January. Sat. Quite gloomy not quite so cold. Mr Mc at home all day. Mr [B?], [?] - here for dinner. This afternoon- Fred and Harlan at the [Buntesby?] [?] at the church- - Miss S- attending to the feeding. Fannie assisting Lizzie in the kitchen- This is my birth day- I am forty [sic] to day. [?] [?] the day all by my self. - - It has been an anniversary of the heart.

27 January. Sabbath. Snow still on the ground. Fannie Fred & Harlan at Sabbath School. Mr Mc at church- I expected to have gone but was afraid I would be late- and staid [sic] at home and read to [Homer?] and Clara. Clayton & Jason around all day. Bro David preached. Mr Morton sat in the [pulpit?]. Bro Ds text- "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." This afternoon- Reading By Lamp light. Bible reading and [?] catechism.

28 January. Monday. [?]. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. From [Charlie?] Marshals place [?] and [?] our [?] house- [Perhaps?] he does not amount to much- but Mr Mc does not seem to expect much- - Mr Mc around home all day. Miss S- looking after stock. This afternoon Homer came home and helped Lizzie take care of Clayton and Jason- While I went to C- I made a few calls- home again before dark-

29 January. Tues. Snow going off sleighs still passing- - Lizzie went away this morning to visit a few days- Fred took her to the train. Fred came home a little past noon [bringing?] [Clay?] Mc Millan with him- he and his mother stopped off at Aunt [Janes?] to spend the day- Homer took [Clay?] to the face O clock train as they go back to Xenia this eve and home to Wooster tomorrow. [Cousin Sue?] and [C?] have been in the South for some time- they took [Crissie Moodie?] there- she is in [for?] health and will stay there this winter. moved into our tenement house to day. Fred and [Clay?] up at Mr [Harison?] [Wiedmans?] on an errand this afternoon- Mr Madden Mr Johnstons Son in law called to see Mr Mc this P.M. We [?] a letter for Aunt Jennette she is still at [Jennie Caldwell] in Mo.

30 Jan. Thurs. [Showering?]- Very cloudy. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer at School. Clara at home till noon. Lizzie made a [flying?] trip to the city and came back on the eight O clock train- [reached?] after [?]. I have been busy all afternoon- Prayer meeting here this afternoon at two O clock- [mine?] met in the bed room- we had quite a nice little meeting- there is a [?] for twos and threes assembled in his name. Mrs Samuel [Nesbit?] died very unexpectedly on yesterday at twelve O clock- She will be buried tomorrow at twelve. This eve all at home. Lizzie & Miss S- here as usual.

31 January. Thurs. Snow and ice nearly gone- quite [mudy?]. The children five at School. Harlan at C- this morning on an errand. [On?] [yesterday?] we were invited to [?] Johns to a dinner- but declined on act- of the prayer meeting All of us at home to day- Mrs [A blank space here] the tenement house here and washed from

for us. Lizzie not very well- but still taking a share of the work.

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1 February. Friday. Bright Sunshine- quite windy- - I have been quite sick all forenoon. Silas & Mollie and bro John all here- Silas and Mr Mc went to Mr Samuel Barber's Sale at his late residence- - Bro John there also- all here for dinner at four O clock- - Our boys at the sale this afternoon= Fannie at home taking my place at the work to day. Lulu Smith called for Fannie to go with her to Mrs Julia Condon's to Girls Society to night.

2 Feb. Sat. Bright but the ground very damp. Mr Mc and sons at .S.A. Barbers old farm for sale goods. All of us very busy. Mm S- taking care of the stock- Mr Mc around home all day. This afternoon Fred and I at C- made some ten calls and attended to some little business- returned home near dark-- A german here for lunch to day.

3 Feb. Sabbath. Gloomy & the ground very damp- Mr Mc and Fred at home waiting on a sick coalt- Clara at home with Clayton and Jason- Lizzie here as usual- Mrs S- absent as usual after eight O clock. Fannie Harlan and Homer and I at church- and at Sabbath School. Mr Mortons text- Now, breathern. I command you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." This afternoon I heard the questions and to night Bible reading. Two men from off the pike here for lunch- Mr and Mrs George Black [?] of London England came in from off the pike took supper and with us to night= Christ said the poor you have with you always and whensoever you will ye may do them good.

4 Feb. Monday. Gloomy. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer & Clara at School. Will S- & co [cut?] the meat up to day. It has been raining most of the day. All at home to night.

5 Feb. Tues. Constant rain all A.M. This afternoon it cleared up- We were expecting Sister Matt and Cousin Mrs Liggett here this afternoon but they did not come. Jack [Streteler?] around most of the P.M. Our Sick Coalt of Sabbath died to day. Three men from off the pike here for lunch to day. Mr [Dunlap?] moved to Cedarville last week. I sent Georgia Bronegan notes of Mr Mortons Sermon Sabbath. Our five children at School to day. Lizzie & Will S- busy. All at home this eve.

6 Feb. Wed. Heavy rain all day. This was the day of Mr [?] [Oldemans?] sale- Mr Mc around home all day till this eve he went to C- he stopped around Mr Barbers hotels a little while. The children were all at School. Fred at C- this morning some little difficulties settled up in the school this morning- Mr Linson settled them. Mr Linson called around on account of high waters- & staid for tea- Mr Joe Barber called for him and took him over home after returning from the sale.

7 Feb. Thurs. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School Mr [Streteler?], Jack, called this A. M. Mr Mc around home all day. Wm S- busy taking care of the stock. Lizzie busy as usual. I have been busy too.

8 Feb- Friday. Very gloomy- Some little rain. Mr [Garth?] [Forbes?] here for dinner- This afternoon he and Mr Mc expected to go to Mr Pollocks but they did not get farther than town as they learned there that Mr Pollocks was at Troy. Mr Mc at sisters and home again after dark for tea. This afternoon I called at Mr Hughs to see Mrs [Fay?]- she is quite sick. Mrs Hugh is at her sisters at Shelbyville Ind. still. She has been there a month. Janet Mrs [Mr?] Smith others this afternoon. Let us not forget that this is Fannie's birthday.

9 Feb. Sat. Very gloomy. All busy Mrs Scott called this A.M. Old Mr Marshall here for dinner he is to come back Monday and make out his visit. Homer took Fannie out to Uncle Johns this afternoon to stay till tomorrow- He brought - A postal from Aunt Jennette she left Jennie Caldwell Wednesday at one O clock and reached Kansas city the same evening- she has been at Jennie since Mr Mc and Wm S- and boys all busy feeding & c- The Ohio River overflowing again.

10 Feb. Sabb. Gloomy. Fred Harlan and Homer at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at church. Clara at house with Lizzie and Clayton and Jason- Mr Mortons text "Seek ye the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." This afternoon [?] with the children. After night Mr Mc heard the questions- Had Bible reading -

11 Feb Monday. Gloomy. Rain this afternoon. A german here for lunch. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Will- S- at the feeding- Lizzie busy. Mr Mc up the pike this afternoon. Homer at C- this evening. Mr Linson called.

12 Feb. Tues. Rained all day. Lizzie washed. I attended to the other work. The children all at School. Old Mr Marshal with us

to day and to night. Mr Mc at home all day- around the lamp this evening. Charlie Barbers [?] [?] Son into their family last week. The flood at Cincinnati still raging.

13 Feb. Wed. Very gloomy this morning- rained last night and nearly all day. Old Mr James Marshal left us this morning. The children all at School. Lizzie dried the clothes by the fire this afternoon. Bro David and Bro Silas called. -

14 Feb. Thurs. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. It is much colder to day - froze some last night- No rain now- This afternoon Clayton went up to the School house to hear [Brad CS?]- but did not make a long stay = Fannie came home at 1 O clock and staid with the children while Mr Mc and I went to C- We staid till after [eight or night?] took tea at Grandmother Murdocks- Silas and Mollie still there = Bro David there too- I called to see Mr Mortons before coming home. I also stopped with Aunt Matt and Jane a little while- Aunt Jennette has got as far as Kansas City- they are expecting her home before long. We reached home at nine O clock Mr Linson called this eve while we were away. Old George came up from Sister Mary Littles and took dinner with us to day. Wm S- & Lizzie both busy as usual.

15 Feb. Friday. Nice winter day. Ground froze. Bright Sunshine. Clayton for a change went to School to day- all the children there but Jason. We are all prepared for Cousin J.H. Mc Millan and lady to day- - dinner and all waited till one O clock for them- but they did not come- Mr Mc and Wm S- around all day. Promises made and not kept are not very delightful things. "Better not to vow than to vow and not pay." This eve all around home- Fannie and Fred would like to have gone to East Point School house to night to an entertainment but were disappointed- Such is life!

16 Feb. Sat. Another nice winter day. Mr Mc assisting Wm S- arrange sheep or hay stacks. All of us at home to day and this eve with the exception of a little trip of Harlan to C- this afternoon- Fannie went with him and staid at Aunt Rachels till her came back. Aunt Mary Little and Nettie were there on a visit- Harlan brought Fannies medicine [stilling a?] from the [depot?] this eve- Lizzie at her post as usual.

17 Feb. Sabb. Damp and disagreeable. Lizzie here with Fannie Clara Clayton and Jason- Rred Harlan & Homer at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at church- Mr Mortons text "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every Creature". This afternoon spent with the children After night Bible reading and Catechism.

18 Feb Monday. Still damp. Raining some little. Mr Mc and Will S- assisted by Clayton taking care of the stock- Fannie & Clara and our three boys at School. Lizzie busy as usual. I sent Georgia Bronegan notes of Mr Mortons Sermon this morning. This eve all at home. - We are invited to grandmother Murdock's tomorrow- This eve all at home.

19 Feb. Tuesday. Bright Sunshine this morning Seemed to promise a nice day- a little after noon it began raining it rained very hard. Fannie Fred Harlan & Homer at School. Clara Clayton and Jason went with Mr Mc and I to grandmothers Murdock. Bro John & Mary & Anna Bolet & D.S. Ervin and family were there for dinner. Silas & Mollie & Walter still living with Mother and Mary David there too- he expected to go to Utica tomorrow on a visit. This afternoon I sat while with Mrs Morton Mr Morton was at Xenia this P.M. to see Georgia B- Mr [Luther Farbs?] called at Grandmothers for Mr Mc and took him with him to Mr Pollock. While we were gone Lizzie took up the sitting room carpet - - & [?].

20 Feb. Wed. No rain to day It has got much colder- is freezing some. All the children at School but Clayton and Jason. I put the sitting room carpet down & put the the room in nice order Lizzie washed to day. Wm S- and Mr Mc looking over accounts.

21 Feb. Thurs. Quite a nice day with the exception of the wind. Fred Harlan and Homer at School. [?] Clara at School too. Fannie at home with Lizzie helping take care of Clayton and Jason. Mrs S- taking charge of the stock. Mr Mc and I at Xenia. I called to see Georgia Bronegan- Spent about two hours with her - - She is very hopeful that she will be well again. Aunt Jane and Matt visiting at Mc [Collsons?]. Quite a number there.

22 Feb. Friday. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School Mr Mc around home all day. Charlie Huffine called this morning. This afternoon rain. Mr Linson here this morning- This afternoon I devoted to writing letters.[blank], off the pike stopped with us and will remain a few days on trial. All at home this evening. Mr Mc and Will S- in the sheep pen most of the day.

23 Feb. Sat. Much colder this morning. Homer went in the carriage to C- and brought out Aunt Jane and Grandmother Murdock- to spend the day. Mr Mc and Will S- in Sheep pen all day. Fred and Harlan and our new men attending to the feeding. This eve Homer and Fannie took Grandmother and Aunt Jane home.

Lizzie attending to business as usual. Will S- went away this eve to be gone most of next week.

24 Feb. Sabb. Cold- Two men off the pike here for lunch this morning. Harlan at home with Clara Clayton and Jason. Fannie Fred and Homer at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at preaching Mr Mortons text "But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord." This afternoon & evening Fannie read to the children Bible reading around the Lamp- Mr Mc heard the questions.

25 Feb. Monday. Heavy snow falling this morning. I sent Georgia B- the notes of Mr Mortons Sermon yesterday. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School [?] attending to the [feeding?] Bro Silas brought John Busby out this eve from the train. Fannie and Fred at the hall in C- to night at entertainment given by the [School boys?] of East Point- Miss Lizzie Cooly teacher. [Seville?] Kragbamm was the most interesting character among the performers in Fannie's estimation. Busby and Mr Mc around the fire chatting.

26 Feb Tues. Quite a blustery day- Cold. John Busby left us this morning he is out looking for a [situation?]. A good sallery is the most important object of search. Mr Polke stopped with us for dinner to day when returning from C- This afternoon Mr Brigham Harbison here and sat awhile Mr Mc at home looking after stock all day- - he called at the School house to see Mr Linson this eve. The children were all at School to day.

Wednesday 27 Feb.. Blowing and snowing this afternoon- This P.M. Mr Mc out with helping Linson with a load of corn. Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer and Clara at School. Mr Mc and all at home to day & this evening. Lizzie ironing this eve. Yesterday was the day Mollie & Silas talked of going to Springfield with us but it did not suit.

28 Feb. Thursday, Thermometer to Zero this morning. Fannie at home to day from School. She and her father went to Mr [illegible] sale this afternoon Fannie made a little visit with Seville and Seville came home with them to night- They sold out nearly all their goods & etc. to day- have rented their place and will move to Covington Ohio next week the children at School. Patrick [C?] taking care of the stock. Lizzie busy. Will Scott returned this eve.

29 Feb. Friday. Still cold Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Fred took Seville home did not get back till this afternoon- therefore was not at School to day. All quiet at our home Mr Mc around looking after Stock all day- he & [?] Patrick both busy. Will S- here-

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1 March Sat. Quite a cold day. All at home shivering around. Mr Mc and Will S. busy at the sheep all day- Pattie C and Harlan feeding- All at home this eve- - Homer away with Donnie Kyle & [symbol] a rabbit hunting-

2 March. Sabbath. Cold to day. Fannie Fred and Harlan at Sabbath School- Homer Clara Clayton and Jason at home with Lizzie and Patrick. Mr Mc and I at preaching- Mr Mortons text "Come and hear all ye that fear the Lord God and I will declare what he hath done for my soul". This afternoon Fannie read to the children = [After?] night Bible reading Mr Mc heard the questions.

3 March Monday. Still cold. Bro Silas brought Sister Mary up this morning and left her to spend the day with me- and Mr Mc went with him to Xenia = The children all at School but Clayton & Jason- Lizzie washing- Mary and I had the day all to ourselves. Mary helped me out under [waists?] & [symbol] to day. Fannie took her home this eve- Prayer meeting at Mr Mortons tomorrow afternoon- Subject Sister Mary gave at their last meeting was [Martha leaves several lines blank here] Fannie took tea at grandmothers- and came home with father when he came from Xenia. Mr Mc met [H.H. McMillan?] in town before coming home. Mr Linson called this eve before Mary went away and staid and spent awhile with me. I sent Georgea notes of Mr Mortons sermon yesterday.

4 March. Tues. The children all at School Fred came home at noon to help with stock- Mr Mc left near noon for Xenia - took dinner before going away. The [Haymoth?] and Harris trial in progress in Xenia- The court room filled to overflowing Cousin Bill and Silas and Mollie there to day. Mr Mc there awhile also. Mr Mc met Mr J.P. Johnston there and met the commisioners on sheep question. Mr Mc expected to have met him yesterday-

5 March Wednesday. Cold but otherwise pleasant. Snow on the ground some few sleighs passing. The children all at School- [Untill?] this afternoon Harlan came home with toothache- Homer came home and went with [Pattie?] to C- for load of coal for the

School house- Sister Mary sent a note out with Homer- She wants me to come to town tomorrow to see them. Mr Mc at Mr John [Jimmasons?] sale- took dinner there to day- While there heard of the marriage of Cousin H.H.McMillan her and Mrs Sarah Jackson were married yesterday evening at five O'clock at the residence of Finley Kerr- none present but Mr & Mrs Morton and [?] and Mrs [?] Townsley and Mr & Mrs Finley K- of course it was a pleasant quiet affair.

6 March. Thurs. Quite a nice day. This evening grand for sleigh riding- The children all at School. Lizzie and [Pattie?] keeping house to day while we were gone- Mr Mc took Clayton and Jason and me to grandmother Murdocks- Mr Mc met Mr [Pack?] at the mill and attended to some business there and came home. Mr [Parker?] stopped here for dinner This eve Mr Mc and Clara came down in the sleigh after us. Silas and Mollie and Ervin and Bell at the trial of Haymoth and Harris to day again. Grandmother and Aunt Mary and I had the day to ourselves Mary was not feeling very well- Walter at School. Bell and Mollie brought out two cloaks to day on trial from Hutchisons & [Gibsons?] & [?] I brought them out with us this evening.

7 March. Friday. Mr Mc around home all day. Smith from Charleston here for dinner when passing. The children all at School. Fred and Harlan at C- this evening on an errand- I returned the cloaks as they did not exactly suit me- Charles [Orr?] in Xenia married yesterday eve- Mr Mc around the lamp to night.

8 March Sat. Quite a winter day- Snowed & rained and Sleet last night quite slippery. Mr Smith and [Menbanheam?] and a colored man from Selma all called this morning- Mr Mc has a bad cold for a remedy he staid in bed all day nearly- got up about Six O clock this evening- Harlan at Aunt Janes on an errand- taking wood down & [etc?].

9 March. Sabb. Some Sleighs out to day. Mr Mc in bed most of the day. Homer has a sore neck and is at home- Clara Clayton Jason at home Lizzie and Patrick around. Fannie Fred Harlan and I at Sabbath School. Mr Mortons text "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent taketh it by force." This afternoon Fannie read to the children - This eve Bible reading - Mr Mc heard the questions.

10 March- Monday. Snow & ice on the ground. Fannie Fred Harlan and Clara at School. Homer at home with sores on his neck. Patrick taking charge of the stock- Mr Mc out but very little to

day. Near noon Lizzie McConnel took her departure- Harlan took her trunk to the depot this evening. Mr [?] [Busby?] called this P.M. Mr Mc [?] of his [turkey S.?] Fannie received a card from Aunt Jeannette this eve- she thinks of coming home this week- She is still at Kansas City. Willie Mc called this A.M. The Haymoth & Harris trial still in progress in Xenia. A great many of the Cedarville [?] attending it. I sent notes of Mr Mortons sermon to Georgea to day.

11 March. Tuesday. Quite a blustery disagreeable day- Very heavy rain this afternoon - it rained harder than time of the flood if any difference- Fannie Fred Harlan and Clara at School. Homer at home to day again- he has been on the lounge all afternoon. Mrs [Hunbrenham?] here washing. Mr Mc at Mr Thomas Gibsons at their sale- took supper at the Sisters in C- The Haymoth and Harris murder trial closed to day. The jury had not been out of the court room more than twenty minutes when they returned the verdict "Not Guilty." This ends one of the greatest murder trials ever held in Greene Co. A great many in attendance from C- to day As usual. Patrick taking charge of the Stock. This is Clara's birth-day- She is eight years old.

12 March. Wed. Quite a change in this weather again. Bright Sunshine and pleasant. Mrs [?] [home?] here and put out the washing this morning. The children at School Homer on the sick list still. This afternoon Mr Arthur Forbes called. This eve Mr Linson called. Mr Mc at C- this eve. and down at Mr Pollocks- took tea with the Sisters as he came home. Fannie and I very tired.

13 March. Thurs. Most a lovely bright day. Harlan at town this morning for a girl but without success. After he came back he went to School. Fannie Fred and Clara there too- Homer on the sick list. Uncle John Murdock here for dinner and spent awhile with Mr Mc This afternoon Harlan was called home from School and went with Patteric to C- After School hours Fannie went to C- to make arrangements to go to Springfield tomorrow- Mary Caldwell came with her to stay and help to keep house while we are gone. Aunt Jeannette came on the five O clock train from her western trip this eve- she has been away since the 1st week of November- I have certainly put in a busy day.

14 March. Friday. Cloudy Sprinkling rain. some little but not disagreeable- At eight O clock Mr Mc and I left Fannie and Mary Caldwell in charge and left for Springfield- We met Silas and Mollie there according to appointment. We took dinner together - the principle business to day in S- was a cloak and a Suit- of

clothes for Mr Mc at Jason Philips establishment- To complete there we will go back next week- We came home by way of C- this eve and stopped to speak to sister Jeannette. Fred Harlan and Clara at School to day. Homer still sick with sore neck. Patrick taking charge of the stock. Mrs [Hunbenhour?] here and helped [out?] with he work this morning- We must not forget that- this is Harlan's birth-day- although I have been so busy that I almost forgot- that Harlan is twelve years old to day. We found all well when we came home.

15 March Saturday. Bright Sunshine but very muddy still. All up and doing. Harlan at C- with [wood?] [?] The rest of the boys at home. This morning Homer and Clara took Mary Caldwell home and called to see Aunt Jeannette- Mr Mc working with sheep. Patteric with the Stock- This afternoon [Effie?] Mc here on a prolonged call- This eve Homer and I called at J.H. McMillans tenant house to see one Miss Little- but without any success. We have been trying to have things in readiness for tomorrow- Sabbath.

16 March. Sabb. [Gloomy?] Fannie at home with bad cold Homer not well. Fred and Harlan at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at preaching. Mr Mortons text "I waited patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry." This afternoon Fannie read to the children- Bible reading and catechism this eve.

17 March. Monday. Cloudy. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at School- Homer at home. again at recess- still complaining. Mrs Hunbenhour here a few hours to day assisting with the work- Fred at home to day. Patteric hauling in corn. Fred at C- this afternoon - heavy rain this P.M.

18 March. Tuesday. Rain this forenoon Fannie Harlan Fred and Clara at School. Homer at town this morning and brought Aunt Jeannette out for dinner- Mr Pollock here taking note of Register Sheep- he was here for dinner This afternoon- he and Mr Pollock at Mr Forbes's This eve [Martha makes a note in the margins pointed at this area that says, "here where I began with Springfield [?] [Arnold's?] [?]"] Fred took Aunt Jeannette home and brought Mr Mc out from C- he took tea at the Sisters.

19 March. Wed. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Patrick in charge of the stock- I have been busy as usual- Mr Mc at home all day. Bro Silas called this P.M. Mr [Pennington?] from Charleston called. Mr [Franks?] [Spensers?] oldest daughter, Ella, and Mr John [Michemason?] of Illinois were married this afternoon at two O clock. This eve Homer at C- a note from Aunt Jeannette states that Matt has gone to

Springfield to visit Nellie Anderson will not be home till Friday. Sarrah Haggard will come tomorrow. Cloudy all day.

20 March. Thurs. Cloudy This morning Fred at C- and brought Aunt Jane and Sarrah H- out. Sarrah washing. Mr Hunbenhour here and looked over [accts?]. The children all at School. This is Claytons birth day- he is four years old- "he is only beginning the journey many a mile to go" [?] Bro Silas here for dinner- this afternoon he and Mr Mc at Selma at Harry Lofts Sale. Sister Jane went home with him this eve. Very much like rain Mr Mc and I are feeling to go to Springfield tomorrow.

21 March. Friday. Very gloomy all day- not one ray of sunshine till this eve when the sun was setting. Mr Mc and I at Springfield. We called at Mr Riley Stormonts for Sister Mary- Silas brought her that- far this morning to meet us. Not withstanding the gloomy day we had a very pleasant day in S- We met Mrs Dallas and Sister Matt coming home they had gone up Wednesday- we learned from them that Fannie Sloan Shaw was at her Sisters Mrs Stuarts- This afternoon Mr Mc and I called to see them they are thinking a little about visiting Cedarville tomorrow. I got a "Russian Circular" at the firm of Willis and Albrights - wore it while in S- but expect to lay it by til another Season. Mr Mc called at Jason Philips. We came home by way of C- and left Mary there. Fannie at home from School to day with Sarah to help take care of the children etc. This afternoon Effie Mc & Lulu Smith here with Fannie Will Mc called to day. This afternoon the directors, two, met at the School house and very unexpectedly and very unceremoniously gave Mr Linson his discharge- and very abruptly and very [?] announced School to be opened on Monday Miss Lizzie Andrew teacher- Mr Linson called as he went home- Mr Jason Philips father burried to day.

22 March. Sat. Bright Sunshine very busy all day. This afternoon Mr Mc took a little drive past Mr [Henery?] Kyles [?] While he was away Sister Matt and our friends Mrs Lizzie Stuart and Fannie Sloan S. very unexpectedly called. Fannie took Sarrah H- home this afternoon- This eve bro John Murdock and Lizzie were at Henry KS- passed here when going home and Lizzie stopped with Fannie- here for tea and will be with us to night- Mr Mc at the Sisters visiting Fannie Sloan this eve- Patteric taking care of the Stock all day. I expected to have gone with Mr Mc but tomorrow is Sabbath and I had to be ready for it.

23 March Sabb- Gloomy to day. Fannie Homer and Fred at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and i at church- Mr Mortons text. "And in this mountain Shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of

fat things, a feast of wine on the leaf, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the leaf well refined." Our friend Mrs S- and Fannie Sloan S- at church- they bid us good by- they go away in the morning. This afternoon Fannie and I read to the children. This eve Bible reading and catechism. Harlan at home with Clara Clayton and Jason to day.

24 March. Monday. Bright Sunshine- Mrs Hunbenhour here and put out a small washing this A.M.- and this afternoon I sent the ironing to her= Mr Hunbenhour and oldest son went last week to Richmond Ind- He expects to send for the family soon so our tenant house will empty again Mr Mc up at Mr Kizers this forenoon home in time for dinner; Mrs Andrew began School this morning- Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara there. This afternoon Mr Mc & Patteric putting [pattent?] fence up in old meadow. So much like spring that Clara Clayton and Jason were out awhile with them- I sent notes to Georgea Bromegan this morn.

25 March Tues. Cloudy most of the day. The children all at School again to day. Clara at home with tooth ache. This afternoon Mr Linson called - he expects to go in a few weeks to Tennessee or some where to sell fruit trees. This eve after School hours Fred and Mr Mc at Mr Abe [?] Kizers for beef- Millie Scot rode with Fred. After the were gone awhile a very heavy rain came up- rained very hard- Mr Mc & co dod not get home till after nine- I have been very busy all day- and am tired to night. Homer at c- this eve Sarrah H- has promised to come in the morning.

26 March. Wed. Much cooler and very cloudy all day. Homer at C- for Sarrah H. this morning but she failed to appear- Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at School Clara at home with tooth ache- Bro Dans having a dinner party to day- Among the guests were Mr Morton & Barbers- H.H. McMillan & c This afternoon Mr Mc at Xenia- he expected to have gone with bro Silas but finally went alone- did not get home till dark. I have been truly busy to day Patteric taking care of the stock as usual all day.

27 March. Thurs. Bright Sunshine and pleasant. Homer at C- and brought Sarah H- out. Mrs Honbenham here and helped a few hours this morning putting the house in order- Sarah at School and had Fannie to come home to help keep house while I went with Mr Mc to C- to visit grandmother Murdock. Mr Mc spent the day at the Williamson and Jackson sale. Silas went with him- Mollie at Jim Andersons- Walter at School- Grandmother and I sent Mary there alone. I called to at Mr Mortons this afternoon- Mr Morton not

there- I spent a little while with Cousin Bell. I stayed at grandmothers till after supper- I am not feeling well this eve. Clayton and Jason at home with Fannie and Sarah. The rest of the boys and Clara at School. Mr Mc called at the express office for his "Brown Suit" from Jason Philips as he came home- it gives good satisfaction. Tomorrow is our Fast-day- Rev Mr Douglas came this eve to C- A colored women Mrs Connors I met at mothers to day.

28 March Friday. Quite a nice day, this our Fast day. Mr Mc Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at church- Clara at home with Sarah helping her to take care of Clayton and Jason. Mr Douglas preached his text- "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." The theme of the text is the drawing power of Jesus. This afternoon Harlan and I at Mr Rolland Kyles at prayer meeting- I am indeed sorry that none of the rest of the family were with us. After night Bible reading. We read the last chapter of Luke. Patrick here as usual.

29 March. Saturday. Bright Sunshine most of the day. Chilly and Cloudy this eve- Robert Mr McMillan here at the sheep to day. getting them ready for the pasture. Clara and I went around to Mrs Connors- a colored family for a girl- their daughter Emma has promised to come in two weeks. This afternoon, Fred and Fannie and Homer and Mr Mc and I at church. Mr Douglas's text "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run and not be weary; walk and not faint" I called at grand mothers a few minutes this eve = Sarah taking charge of the children & etc. this afternoon.

30 March. Sabbath- "Our Communion Sabbath" Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at preaching Mr Mortons text "For the Lord will go before you and the God of Israel will be your reward." Patrick and Sarah here with Clara Clayton and Jason. We reached home half past three this afternoon. Fannie went home with Aunt Janes. This eve I read to the children a little and heard a few questions. At seven I left Patrick and Fred and Harlan in charge of the little ones & etc. and Mr Mc and I went to church. Sarah H- rode down with Homer to be ready to attend her church this eve. Mr Douglas preached- text "Therefore my beloved breathe be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." The Sermon good- The house well filled. Fannie came home with us to night.

31 March. Monday. Rather pleasant. Clara at School Bob Mc here to day again- he and Fred at Selma this afternoon. Mrs

Hunbanhour and washed and attended to the dinner etc. Homer at home with Clayton and Jason- he entertained them in the sitting room- Mr Mc and Fannie and Harlan and I at church- Mr Douglas preached text "Show these things unto James and to the brethren." The world does not give the Christian his peace neither does he take it from him. God does and only does those things for the church or for his children that they can not do for themselves- and nothing more- God help those who use every means to keep themselves. After preaching we stopped in town awhile. Fannie and Harlan took dinner with Lizzie Murdock- [?] at grandmother Murdocks. Mr Mc stopped with the sisters- I at Cousin Bells. The daily paper full of the account of the riot in Cincinnati Saturday and yesterday- over one hundred killed. This afternoon when we came home we found Clayton and Homer all right but Jason not so well he has been in the [cradle?] all evening Bob Mc here till after supper- The work both inside and in [stands?] very prominent - It takes lots of [?] grace to be able "to run with patience the race set before us-" and to all with out murmuring or complaining."

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May

1 May. Thurs. Warm - Steve Thomas here shearing sheep. Fred and Wm Shears plowing on the Barber land Jack and Harlan busy plowing the garden. Mr. Mc. at Spenser's this afternoon. This afternoon Patterie[?] McDavid went away to his friends in N. York State it is not likely he will be back again. Homer and Clara at school; Fannie and Mary Caldwell out walking and talking most of the day. This eve Mr. Mc. took Steve Thomas home. Quite stormy this eve - blowing very hard.

2 May. Friday. It blowed very hard nearly all of last night - but calm to day and pleasant. Fannie took Mary Caldwell home - went by way of Aunt Mary Littles - Homer took sheep here to day. Fannie stopped with Mary C. for dinner. returned home shortly afterward. Mr. Mc. and Jack working with sheep nearly all day. cleaned nearly all the yard to day - Homer and Clara helped me this eve - Clara was at school to day. Emma busy with the work.

3 May. Sat. Much cooler to day - sunshined most of the time - P[?] Brocks gives a concert this afternoon. Fannie took Clara to C- this morning got her hair cut - got her a new hat left her at Aunt Janes till tomorrow - She expects to go to the concert this afternoon Fred and Wm Shears out at an early hour in the Barber field plowing. Mr. Mc. and Jack in the sheep pen till noon a carpenter, on his way to Columbus and a friend with him stopped for a lunch this morning. This afternoon Jack S- went with Fred and Homer to Jamestown to see the ruins[?]. Harlan and Wm Shears plowing. Mr. Mc. and Fannie up at Harry Wilson's pasture with Stock. Dave Little called when passing - All at home this eve.

4 May Sabbath. We had quite a little storm last night. It is damp this morning. Emma staid with Homer Clayton and Jason to day. Fannie Fred and Harlan at Sabbath School Mr. Mc. and I at preaching - We were not up as early this morning as usual and consequently were not in time for Sabbath School or church - from this day henseforth I hope to be prompt in getting up as early as any other morning of the week - and then I know we can be on time. Mr. Morton's text "For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God; and it if first begin

at us what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God-" Mrs Lou Tliff[?] is very sick she was remembered in the prayers of the congregation today. Clara came home with us. I spent the afternoon Harlan Homer and Clara - read in Line Upon Line" to them - heard them write Historical Catechism. We had Bible reading and catechism this eve - Quite a little wind storm - passed over this eve - blew two cherrie trees down in the yard - and some fence - It rained very hard.

5 May. Monday. Sunny this morning. Homer and Clara at School. Emma washed. This afternoon I went to C- I staid at mothers for tea - I called at Aunt Roseannes to see Mattie - but she not there Silas and Mattie took up their abode at Johns house to day. They came into Mothers this evening while I was there. The men all busy - Mr. Mc. around home. I called to see Ms Conley a little bit this eve all at home Mr. Mc. & Jack at sheep.

6 May. Tues. Mr. Mc. and Fred left at an early hour for Johns Johnstons at their home above Springfield - they were there for dinner and stopped a short time in S- when coming home. Jack Stretcher and Wm Shears and Fred and Harlan working in the yard all day. Jack took the tops of the locust[?] trees. Sister Nancy and Nora[?] called awhile this afternoon - It is too damp to plan - We finished ironing this eve.

7 May. Wed. Still damp - Mr. Mc. and Fred returned yesterday eve at nine o clock - Fannie at C- this morning and brought grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane out - Silas and Mattie here too - all here till after tea this eve - Jack & Wm S- and boys working in the yard. Homer and Clara at school. This eve Mr. Mc. took grandmother and Aunt Jane home. Mrs. Rai[?]ey and Mr. Amos Crosswell married this eve at Mr. Mortons - Harlan went down to attend it but did not get there till after the ceremony. Aunt Jeanette came home with Mr. Mc. & Harlan - Emma and Fannie and I busy this eve we are expecting company tomorrow Mr. Jack McElroy called this afternoon.

Thurs. 8 May. Gloomy all day - Fire in the parlor our company as follows: Mr. Robert Galbreath Lizzie and Charlie - Sisters Jane Jeanette and Matt - Aunt Roseanne and Lizzie and Mrs. Mattie McMillan and Sam Riley from Fairhaven O. Sister Rachel and S[?] were invited but they could not come. This eve I took them down home - that is Aunt Roseanne & Lizzie & Mrs. Mattie M- & Riley. As I came home I called to see Mrs. Riley Stormont She has been very sick - but is now convalescent. The men were in the yard awhile

this morning. Dave Little and Stephen Thomas called. Homer took the carriage down this morning to bring Aunt Roseanne and company out.

9 May. Friday. Quite a bright day. Jack- S- Wm S- boys all busy plowing & Smith- [?]'s Son in law here with his team plowing to day. Fannie took me down to Aunt Mary Littles to dinner to day and left me there to stay till eve - I met Mr. and Mrs. Morton Aunt Jeanette and Matt Louisa[?] Brother & Lizzie and Mrs. Mattie McMillan and Jesse[?]on & son Frank and Lizzie and Son Charlie there-

10 May Sat. Quite bright this morning. Rain this after-noon. As fortune would have it - Mr. Mc. went out to bro Johns and out to Mr. B- Harrisons yesterday eve - did not get home in time to come after me or either thought I was home so I staid all night at sister Mary Littles till after breakfast this morning - Nettie started with me home when we met Homer Clara and Clayton coming for me - I had plenty of time to talk last night & a nice time - The seem to have the spirit of their station & of there work there and seems to be going forward - Sister Mary L- seems altogether well now - The men plowing - [?]'es son in law - Wm S- and Fred - Jack is working in the orchard. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at Xenia - I drove old Lucy on a snail pace to C- Aunt Matt went with me to B[?] Birds [m?]illerey Store - I left a bonnet to be pressed over. I sat with grandmother what little time I had. Cousin Bell and sister Mary at Xenia - I left book from the Tract Society for Aunt Bell. Fannie & Homer took Emma home this eve - Mr. Mc. here after dark. On yesterday eve Mr. Mc. took tea at Mr. Harbisons.

11 May Sabb. Gloomy. Harlan staid alone and left Clayton and Jason. Fannie Fred Homer & Clara at Sabbath School Mr. Mc. and I at preaching none of us quite on time Mr. Mortons text "And he dreamed and beheld a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven - and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending upon it." This afternoon we attended to Bible reading and catechism. I read to the children in "Line upon Line" - Fannie not feeling well has been in bed most of the afternoon.

12 May. Monday. Nice day. Fred and Wm S- plowing - Jack keeping things going harrowing & S. Homer went after Emma this morning. We washed to day. Hugh Stormont called this morning. Clara at school. On last week Dr. Samuel Wilson son, Wm, being himself - he has been ~~drinking~~ drinking for some years. Mr. Mc. at Mr. Bigham Harbisons this P. M staid for tea - came home by C - I sent

notes of Mr. Mortons sermon to Georgea to day. Fannie attended to the kitchen work - began ironing this eve.

13 May. Thurs. Rain last night - damp this morning. Wm S-Fred Jack S- and Harlan plowing harrowing & etc. Mr. Mc. around all day - Sister Matt came up with Lizzie Anderson this morning and spent the day. Fannie and Homer walk her down this evening home and Aunt Jeanette came back with them. Aunt Matt darned stockings for me & family all day. I ironed on ironing board in sitting room till noon - Emma finished the ironing after dinner. Homer and Clara at school. Jack S- here looking over accts. this eve. Mr. Hugh and Bro Dan here this morning.

14 May Wed. Bright sunshine. Fannie went down to C- this morning with Jack Dan when he was walking Effie to school. Fannie wanted a day in town She is getting a new hat. Aunt Jeanette with us Mr. Wm walke here to see Mr. Mc. to day. Mr. Allan[?] here also. Mr. Smith of Charleston[?] stopped when passing with Mc and d[welled?] awhile. Fannie home this eve - came back with Effie. Clayton fell out of the buggy this eve when with his father - the wheel passing over him but did get much hurt.

15 May. Thurs. A beautiful day - only a little cool. The boys planting potatoes in continuance today - Jack furrowing out on the Barber field. Wm S- out at the potatoes planting Harlan plowing. Mr. John Mitchel of London stopped with us to day - with us for dinner - took some insurance policy down for us to day. This eve Riley McMill of Fairhaven here - here for tea and with us to night - Almost a storm this eve - some little rain. Jimmie Caldwell here this afternoon. Aunt Jeanette and cutting potatoes for soup[?]. Emma and Fannie in the kitchen. Fannie reading "Uncle Toms Cabin" these days.

16 May. Friday. Bright sunshine but cool. Fred entertaining Riley McMillan this forenoon. Homer and Clara at school. Miss Lizzie Anderson school closed to day - it is two months since Mr. Linson[?] stepped out and she stepped in. We washed the carriage this morning. This afternoon Fannie & Riley McMillan out to see Mr. Bigham Harbisons. John Mitchel, Sallies husband called this afternoon. Mr. Mc. and Clayton at Selma this morning - Jack getting the Barber field ready for planting this A.M. and this P.M - he and Fred began planting. Harlan plowing Wm S- working with potatoes [illegible] Jeanette and I with the boys assistance finished our contract[?] cutting this eve - Fannie and Riley took tea at Mr. Hs did not get home till after dark.

17 May. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Business moving on as normal - Riley Mc. left us this morning. Wm S- and Harlan plowing in field by the railroad to day again. Jack and Fred at their planting on Barber land. This Riley Mcs birth day - he is fifteen years old - Fred will be fourteen Monday. After supper Harlan and I took Aunt Jeanette home - Clara went with us to stay at Aunt Janes till next week - It a later hour - Mr. Mc. went down alone - home again in a short time. Notice in Cedarville Herald of a lone saint at Bloomington T[?]d - in which Jennie Ervin is a prominent character.

18 May. Sabb. Pleasant Fannie and Homer at home alone with Clayton and Jason - Fred and Harlan at Sabbath School. Mr. Mc. and I at church Mr. Mortons text O Israel thou hast destroyed thy self; but in me is thine help" I finished reading "Line upon Line" to the children this afternoon. Had Bible reading and catechism Mr. Mc. heard the catechism. Emma at Selma to day at church - her brother brought her home this eve.

19 May. Monday - rain came up about eleven o clock which previnted [sic] Jack and Fred finished planting the field out by noon - Harlan and Wm S- plowing Mr. Mc. around home - heavy rain this forenoon. I coppied notes of Mr. Ms sermon and have them ready for [?]ie[?] for Georgea. Emma washed - Fannie and I in kitchen & Bro Silas called this ~~morning~~. This is Freds birth-day - but owing to the pass[?] of care-business it is almost impossible for us to keep these anniversarys as we would like - but still they are not al-together overlooked or forgotten but have deep warm remembrance by part of us at least.

20 May. Tues. Quite a nice day. This is the day of Commencement of Cedarville schools. Notwithstanding the rush of corn plantings Mr. Mc. arranged matters so Fred could attend - he and Fannie were both there - The exercises began at ten o clock this A.M. There were three graduates - Jero[?] Kyle, Lida[?] Stormont, and J. H. McMillan - Rev Jos Kyle delivered the annual address - The children were home in due time - plowing progressing Jack and Wm S- and our boys busy! Mr. Mc. around home all day. This evening he and at C- Mr. Mc. met Mr. McElroy we also attended a Temperance address at the M. E. church given by the Boy Orator - he is a native of Pennsylvania name[?] he is not 21 years old - Quite a youth - but a giant in intellect. he made a powerful address - I was sorry the children were not all there. There was quite a full house - if he would always speak with the power he he

[sic] did to night it does not seem like I would ever grow tired listening to him.

21 May. Wed. Quite a nice day - I have felt depressed all day above measure. The men are all very busy - Mr. Mc. looking after sheeps. Old Flora got hurt in the plows this morning - Mr. Branson stopped when passing. Our work progressing slowly This eve Mr. Mc. took Fannie Fred and Homer to the lecture The same boy lectured at the M. E. church to night again - they were all highly pleased with the address - attendance not so good.

22 May. Thurs. Quite a warm day. I went to C- this morning I called at Mrs. Brattons to see Cousin Mattie from Fairhaven. I attended to considerable business - in the mean time took dinner with mother and Mary. I reached home at one o clock. Mr. Mc. and Jack in sheep part of the time. Boys all plowing. This afternoon a german stopped with us - name _____ Mr. Mc. employ-ed him for a month at \$12.00 we certain-ly need him to get things in better shape - Old Mrs. Georgea Brown died this week. Mrs. Morton and children and Lou Blair[?] left on the five o clock train this evening for Sparta Ill. Clara go[?] been in town since last Saturday - has been with Jennie Morton most of the time - now she will surely be ready to come since Jennie has gone. Mr. Morton left Tuesday Eve for the meeting of synod at Pittsburg.

23 May. Friday. Warm - Our new German in the garden - Jack S- and boys working for dear life in field by the rail road getting it ready for planting. Mr. Mc. around here and there all day. Wm Smith & Jimmy Caldwell called this morning We have all been very busy. Clara still in town. This P.M. Mr. Mc. and Clayton and Jason called at Wm Smiths. Jack and Fred began planting in field by rail road this eve - I called at Mrs. Stretchers this P.M.

24 May Saturday. Rain still r[?]es off - We are seeming two drops in field [illegible] said wed hope to finish this eve - Joe Barbers man, Jack, and Wm S and sons all busy. Mr. Mc. busy too looking after things. They finished planting between five and six this eve - Fred out at Uncle Johns awhile this eve. Fannie and Homer took Emma home.

25 May. Sabb. Rather cool but very pleasant. Mr. Mc. Fannie and Harlan and I at Old Side church - in Mr. Mortons absence. Fred kept the rest of the children at home. Our german here. Clara at church with Aunt Jane she came home with us this afternoon. Rev. J. C. Smith of P[?] - a cousin of Ervins preached today. His text "It is finished." He preached this over at the U. P. Church at

Seven o'clock - Fannie staid at Aunt Janes and came home with Mr. Mc. and Homer from church to night - I would like to have gone but thought it best to stay with the children - Mr. Mc. heard the Catechism this afternoon Bible reading attended too. They had Communion services at the Old Side church to day. Rev. Wilson McMillan of Kansas there to assist Mr. Spring[?] also.

26 May. Monday. Rain this morning not much accomplished this forenoon. Mr. Mc. around home - Mr. Packer here for dinner when passing. Harlan at town for school[?] & etc. Aunt Jane came home with him. They were prevented from washing sheep this forenoon - This afternoon Mr. T[?] here and making another attempt to wash this afternoon - Harlan went for Emma this morning. We are washing to day. Wm S- with us. Our German in the garden.

27 May. Tues. Gloomy most of the day. German in the garden. Jacks boys and Mr. Mc. fixing up p[?] in the meadow. Wm S- plowing in orchard: This afternoon washing sheep in meadow - Rinehart assisted - I took Aunt Jane home - rained some little - I attended some business at town - Aunt Jeanette came home with me - All at home this evening.

28 May Wed. Cool this eve - Wm S- and Jack and boys all busy at something this forenoon. This afternoon Rinehart & Wm S- helping Mr. Mc. with sheep washing at Blacksomes Bridge - all home after six this eve for ~~supper~~. Mrs. Marion[?] Wildman died this evening at five o'clock. Our german still busy in garden. Harlan at Harbisons helping plant corn this afternoon.

29 May. Thurs. A slight frost last night Mr. Mc. brought plants from Mr. Hughs last night. We have our sweet potato plants out Rinehart & Wm S- plowing in the orchard. Jack S- at C- this forenoon. I took Clayton with me and went to C- and called at Uncle Silas's and Uncle Johns this a.m. I met Mrs. Dallas in C- & Julia Kendal. I took my lace bonnet out to Mollie to have her fix it up for summer. D S. Ervins house caught fire yesterday but was put out without much damage being done. I reached home at one o'clock. I called at Mr. Riley Stormonts and sister Rachels as I passed down - There is about 2 [?] or thirty men at work on the pike putting up telegraph poles it will run from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh - they came past our house to day they are working at a rapid rate. Mr. Samuel Dallas and Mr. John Kendal called to day. This afternoon Rinehart and Jack washing sheep in old meadow. Fannie and Emma white washed the dining room - Effie Mc. here while this afternoon - old german planting S[?]. Wm S- har-rowing. This eve all at home.

30 May. Friday. Pleasant. Harlan at Harbisons yesterday and to day again. Jack & Wm S- and [?]es[?] all busy - planting sweet corn[?] harrowing and getting ready to plant potatoes. Fannie white washed the porch - Emma cleaned windows and wood work in parlor. This afternoon Mr. Mc. attended Mrs. Wildmans funeral. - came home by way of Steve Thomas's. This is decoration day in C- and everywhere.

31 May. Sat. Warm and pleasant - I went to C this morning on an errand came home and made a brief call at Mrs. Finley Kerrs Taborn here this forenoon washing sheep. Jack and Wm S- and boys all busy rolling and harrowing & etc. Aunt Jeanette here. This eve Fannie and Fred took Aunt Jeanette here - Two men off the pike here for lunch. John Busby with us to night. Mr. Mc. at home all day and this evening also.

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June

1 June Sabbath. Quite a nice day. Harlan at home with Clayton and Jason. John Bushy here till this afternoon - Our german with us. Fannie Fred Homer and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr. Mc. And I at preaching Rev. J. H. Kendal preached Text "Be ye not weary in well doing." Homer went down and staid at Aunt Janes till this evening till preaching Mr. Morton preached at half past Seven - text "For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of out infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are yet withstood sin." There was quite a good audience and attentive. Mr. Mc. And Fannie and Clara and I there - Homer came home with us. I heard the catechism and we had Bible reading this P.M.

2 June. Monday. Warm. Jack - Wm S- and Taborn and our boys planting potatoes on Barber place all day. Mr. Mc. Had five sheep washed Saturday - the flies are bothering them to day. Emma at church at Selma yesterday came back last night and washed to day. This afternoon old german dressing up the walks. Mr. Mc. Went with Joe Barber to Xenia this P.M. Fannie and very busy. A Swarm of bees came off this P.M. and we hived them. I prepared notes of Mr. Mc sermon for Georgia this eve - Mr. Mc. Has not got home yet. Most all of the family have retired -

3 June. Tues. Very warm - Mr. Mc. did not get home till sometime last night - around awhile this morning when he left for Mr. T. P. Johnstons - Jack- Taborn and Wm S- and boys all at the Barber place all day planting potatoes and planting corn - Wm left the field this forenoon will not be here any more I think. Fannie and Emma and I busy ironing and cleaning the sitting room press and taking fruit-cans to safe in cellar. German mowing the yard. Mr. Mc. home again about eight o clock. We took dinner at Mr. Arthur Forbess and tea at Mr. Martain Johnston. Bright moonlight this eve.

4 June. Wed. Pleasant. S. A. Galbreath called this morning. Jack and Taborn and boys at the Barber field replanting corn and planting potatoes. Mr. Mc. and little folks at Aunt Rachels and Riley Stormont this morning Ansly[?] and his sheep shearing corn. Called this A.M. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at C- took tea at

the sisters. Wm Shears closing accts. here - and rode down with him. I have been busy in the wool house cleaning to day again - Old german in the yard and stocking potatoes for market Mr. Archie McElroy here awhile this eve - staid for tea - I was sorry Mr. Mc. was not at home -

5 June Thurs. Pleasant. Sheep Shearing began to day. Robert Mc John Kyle and Joseph Barber with us here for dinner & supper. This a.m. I was at C- a very short time - Cousin Bell is sick - in bed. I called a minute to see her - also to see Mrs. Riley Stormont. She is still unable to be up. This afternoon spent in wool House again. Cousin Mrs. J. L. McMillan called this afternoon Mr. Jacke and brother Silas here awhile to day - both here for dinner Old german in the yard again. Bro Silas left Daisy here and took old Flora home. Mr. Mc. around home all day. Mr. Hanniberrie called this eve to look over accts. with Mr. Mc. Taborn absent.

6 June Friday. Quite a nice day. Taborn and Harlan replanting corn for Mr. Pigg. Jack and Mr. Pigg and boys in old barn cleaning wheat Robert Mc. and John Kyle at the shearing all day. Joe Barber here this afternoon. Mr. Mc. out till noon at Deans & Crawfords working at wool. This afternoon he was out again took Fannie to C- & left her there to attend the Concert given by the Baptist Choir of Xenia at the hall this eve. He was home again in time for tea - and after that he was at Bells[?] and around in that vicinity. Emma and I very busy.

7 June. Sat Quite a nice day. Fannie came home from the Concert with Will Mc. and Effie last night. She took tea at grandmother Murdocks - Jack Erwin took her to the concert. The Dallas, Kendal & H. H. Mr. McMillan family & Morton at Aunts for tea yesterday eve. Robert Mc. Joe Barber John Kyle Mr. Pigg & Taborn boarding with us to day - old german here, too. He is fixing up the wool house floor today. Jack's assisting with the wheat cleaning. Our boys busy. Emma and Fannie and I busy too. Mr. Jackson here to see Mr. Mc. Dave Little and John Mitchel called - This afternoon Mr. Mc. around looking up wool - he was out at Mr. Nathan Ramseys and vicinity. This eve Fannie and Clara took Emma home -

8 June Sabb. Pleasant Fannie Clara Homer and Harlan at Sabbath School. Fred at home with Clayton and Jason. Jack S- watching the boys. Mr. mc. and I at church - Mr. Mortons text "By faith Noah being warned of God, of things not seen of yet, prepared an [ark] to the saving of his house; by the which he

condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." This afternoon I heard the questions - reading & Bible reading as usual. At half past seven Mr. Mc. Fannie and Fred at our church sermon by an Old Side brother Rev. Mr. Wallace. The rest of the children and the german and I at home.

9 June Monday. Rain yesterday eve. Somewhat little rain to day. Mr. Joe Barbers - Mrs. Wilson and Tom Crawfords brought their wool in this morning. Bro Dan around. Jack S- and Taborn at the [clean?] of the wheat - Bob Mc. Joe Barber and John Kyle at the sheep shearing Mr. Mc. called at Sister Rachels this forenoon. Emma washing. Fannie and I at the work. Homer went after Emma this morning. Mr. Riley Stormont brought his wool in this afternoon. Mr. Jos Anderson called. This P.M. Jack and Fred taking wheat into Andersons. Mr. Mc. around home all evening.

10 June Tues. Heavy rain last night a shower again this morning. Dave Mc. brought his wool in this morning Joe Barber, J. Kyle and Bob Mc. and Steve Thomas here shearing. Jack and Fred and Harlan at town at Andersons ware house with wheat - Homer at the beef shop I sent Georgea B- notes of Mr. Mortons sermon - Jim Caldwell around today awhile - We have been working for dear life in kitchen all morning - dinner served promptly at twelve. This afternoon I went to town to see grandmother Murdock and sister Mary - they expect to start in the morning to Yorktown [?]d. I met Mollie there and we took tea at mothers [illegible] I called to see Mrs Stormont and sat awhile as I went down - I met Jase S[?] in C- and had a little chat with her - I called to see Cousin Bell before I came home. Aunt Jennette came home with me this eve to stay a few days. Jack here looking over all this eve.

11 June. Wed. Damp and gloomy sheep too wet to shear to day. Old Mr. Pigg helping Jack & boys replant corn - in field by railroad. Our dutch man preparing ground for sweet potatoes. Bro Dan, Mr. Wm Haines & Mr. Sam Bull here with wool. Mr. Mc. at Wm Smiths for dinner and around in that vicinity till two o clock this afternoon - when he came home he went to Bigham Harbisons and cousin Hugh McMillans and Mr. J. Bradfordes for sweet potato plants, After three we left Aunt Jeannette and Emma in charge and went to Uncle Johns but as they were not at home we stopped a little while with Yollie[?] - Mary & Lizzie came before we left there - they had been out to see Nancy Cooper - She is very low - can not live long. Fannie & I called at Aunt Nancys and at barbers store. I also called to see Cousin Bell. Mother and

sister Mary went away at five o'clock this morning they took breakfast at Cousin Bells this morning - Joe Barber and Wm Bull brought their wool in this eve. Fred waited on them. Emma is around and cleaned bed room to day - I will pat down the carpet at an leisure.

12 June Thursday - Damp and gloomy. Mr. Wm B[?]es called this morning - Robert Mc. Joe Barber John Kyle and Riley Little here all day long shearing. Jane Kiper[?] here for dinner This afternoon Aunt Jeannette and Clara and I took her to Selma to the Brother church to a Temperance meeting left her there and came directly home. We stopped in on an errand for Mc. at Wm Smiths and Georges us[?] we went up - Emma expected to have gone home this eve but a late storm and rain prevented her from going. Mr. Mc at Steve Thomass and vicinity of Selma this morning home in time for dinner Clara Clayton and Jason went with him. This afternoon he was at Jacksons and J. H. McMillan. Young Jackson brought his wool in this eve-

13 June Friday. Quite a damp day since the rain that fell last night - and an occasional shower to day. Robert Mc. with us last night he and John Kyle, Joe Barber Riley Little and Steve Thomas finished shearing sheep near five o'clock this eve - all here for supper - This has been quite a busy day indeed - Quite a number around the wool house this morning Wm & George Smith and Hunter Bull brought wool in this morning. Mr. Packer Mr. John Anderson and Bro Dan and Sam Bull calling. Near noon Mr. Finley Ken called. This morning Homer at the beef shop - Jack around help part wool in order in wool house most of the day. Harlan took Emma home this morning She will be away week or more Aunt Jeannette here helping Fannie and me. It is a matter of rejoicing to know the sheep are shorn. They finished between three and four this eve - Mr. Charlie Lewis was here this morning Mr. Mc. promised to go over and look at his wool - After supper, this eve Mr. Mc. went over - as he will not have time tomorrow.

14 June. Sat. Damp A shower now and then all day. Mr. Mc. and Fred at Packers for dinner - this afternoon they went to Charlestown did not get home till near dark. Jack S- left at an early hour this morning with old Fannie Grant and Hanniberries express to talk. Bob Mc. and Riley Little to Osborn to Mr. T. P. Js- to shear sheep - but they got word when at C- that the sheep were shorn Jack did not return home till this eve - where he has p[?] in the day is not yet known. Harlan and Homer at Aunt Janes

with wool & for Aunt Janes. After ten this eve Fannie and Harlan took Aunt Jeannette home. I have been very busy all day sweeping I finished reading "Stepping Heavenward" to day - and like it very much - I want to review some points when I have time. This book is written by Mrs, E. Prentiss - Author "Flowers of the Family"

15 June Sabbath. Pleasant - Fannie Fred Harlan and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr. Mc. and I at church. Homer Clayton & Jason and German at home - Mr. Mortons text "I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken and will strengthen that which was sick." This afternoon spent with the children - Catechism & Bible reading.

16. June Monday. Quite a pleasant day Emma absent this week. Fannie done most of the washing - used Frank Ridley's soap - Mr. Bigham Harbison brought his wool in - stopped with us for dinner. Mr. Arthur Forbes here with wool this morning. Mr. Mc. at up Andersons and Charlie Lewis this A.M. Our washing out at noon. This afternoon Fannie made cake for Aunt Bell - for their company this eve - Ervin sent out for it late this afternoon. Homer and Clayton at C- took ten at Aunt Janes Aunt Jeannette came home with them this eve. Mr. Mc. at John Warners looking at his wool - Clara went home. This eve Fannie at Uncle Dans - her father gave her permission to stay all night as he passed down - Selma band is to be there this eve - Jack & boys plowing in Barber field.

17 June Thurs. Quite a bright day. Fannie came home & she and Aune Jeannette & I finished up the ironing this forenoon - Warners and Mr. Pa[?] here with wool. Taborn & Fred and Harlan plowing at Barber field - they took their dinners with them - About eleven o'clock Mr. & Mrs. David Anderson and their little son Park came - Mr. Anderson making preparation in application for school. Mr. Packer here with them for dinner - This afternoon five swarms of bees came off - Mr. A- gave Jack S- assistance with hiving them. Mr. Jackson here looking over a[?]ts J. H. McMillan brought his wool in this afternoon - Our friends left in time to call and perhaps take tea at their Aunts in C- This eve Mr. Mc. in the vicinity of Selma Fannie and Fred at C- to make arrangements with Mary Caldwell to attend Wilberforce Commencement Thursday. Fannie called to see Annie Mc. She is employed at Rei[p?]'s millenery establishment. Aunt Jeannette and all of us very busy.

18 June. Wed Very warm - Jack S- at Jack Smiths for bee hives - Taborn planting corn - by the rail road - Mr. John Anderson called. Aunt Jeannette with us. Jack proved false again - Came back long after time - Mr. Mc. trying to work with sheep - and bees & etc all day. Fred and Harlan finished plowing at Barbers at noon - all the three boys replanting corn this afternoon with Taborn - Jack helped them after he came home. I washed the carriage this afternoon and late this afternoon went to C- took tea with Jane and Matt - called at Bells - It seems strange for Matthew & Mary to be away. Mr. Morton left for S[?] yesterday morning. Nancy Cooper died this morning at one o clock. Her funeral tomorrow at ten o clock. I called to see Mrs. Riley Stormont She is very weak - not able to sit up any. I brought Mango plants home for the garden.

19. June. Thurs. This is the day of Commencement at Wilberforce. Fannie and Fred there - Mary Caldwell went with them. Many Our expected to have gone - they took their dinner and spent the day. Aunt Jeannette here I put down the bed room carpet - Mr. Mc. working with sheep - & bees. Harlan Homer and Jack plowing corn This eve Wm Smith at Sparrs and Fields looking up hives. Fannie and Fred did not get home till near dark. On yesterday eve Mr. A. McElroy here for tea while I was at C-

20 June Friday. Very warm yesterday & to day. The Thermometer at ninety. Mr. Mc. began the exercises of the day by going to Sparrs & fields for hives Clayton went with him, they were home about ten o clock. Mr. T. P. Johnston here with wool - staid with us for dinner and supper. Mrs. Johnston leaves on next week for Colorado to visit her Sons. Bro Dan here awhile this P.M. Aunt Jeannette and Fannie and I busy. ~~Taborn & Silas~~ and Fred and Homer plowing. Jack helping with bees and trying to [?]d times at the sheep. H. H. McMillan & John Wright called to day.

21 June Sat. Very warm 90 in the shade - Taborn & Jack and two boys in corn till noon plowing. This afternoon Mr. Mc. at sheep - All the rest in barn cleaning wheat Jack took it down after supper - I put down sitting room carpet and put it in fine order. Mr. John Barber called. This eve Mr. Mc. took Aunt Jeannette home.

22 June. Sabbath. Very warm to day again. All of us at home but Mr. Mc. and Fannie they were at the N. P. Church. Sermon & Rev. A. M. Campbell - they had Common Services there to day. Our Old german with us. This afternoon - Bible reading & catechism.

23 June Monday. Very warm and dry. Our Old german, C Johnston, went away this morning - he has been with us a month. Taborn and Harlan and Fred plowing at the Barber place - Jack & Mr. Mc. at sheep. Harlan went after Emma this morning - She is washing to day - Fannie and I at the other work - This eve Fred and I at C- Aunt Matt and I took a little drive around town -

24 June. Tues. Finished our ironing at noon - It is very warm. Webster attending the S[?] - Our boys and Wm West plowing. Mr. Mc. and little folks up at the pasture - our men in to dinner. This afternoon Mr. Ga[?]ce of Xenia called. Webster in to tea. Mr. Mc. at the Jackson boys this eve - came home by way of C- Mr. Robert Fi[?] chatted awhile with him when passing. Storming - very heavy rain came a little while after Mr. Mc. got home. Bro John & Robbie here for lunch.

25 June. Wed. Damp this morning - men trying to plow - ~~Mrs.~~ [illegible] and ~~Mr. Nathan Ramsey~~ called Mc. and I at Xenia - I expected to have spent this week with Georgea B- but she is to low for me to stay with her now - I called awhile to see her this afternoon - It has rained very hard this afternoon - we did not reach home till nearly dark. Fannie and Emma kept house to day. I done some little shopping at Hutchisons a dress for Fannie & etc. I am not feeling well this eve.

26 June Thurs. Quite damp after the rain. Mr. Packer called & Nathan Ramsey also this morning. Mr. Packer at town. Mr. Mc. and Fred and Harlan at Jack Smiths and at Springfield. Jack S- Wm West and Homer busy hawling wood & shingles - I have been busy all forenoon. Emma making a blue Calico dress for me that I got yesterday. De[bbie?] Mc. called this P.M. This eve I went to C- I went in past Sister Mary Littles called there and at Mrs. Riley Stormonts She looks now like she might recover - Mother and sister Mary returned from their visit to F[?] this eve - I took tea with them at cousin Bells. grandmother Seemed glad to get home. I met Silas and Mattie in C- I met Aunt Matildia's Matt at Aunt Janes. Aunt Jane came home with me this eve - It is now after night Mr. Mc. and sons have not returned yet-

27 June. Friday. Quite plea-sant. Wm West and boys out plowing. Mr. Mc. and Jack taking honey off - to day Mr. Mc. got a sting Mr. T. Crawford called. This eve Mr. Archie Mc. Elroy called Staid with us for tea - Mr. Mc. around home all day. Aunt Jane sewing - Emma served all forenoon: This afternoon helping generally. I washed the carriage & etc. Webster at work - & is boarding with us. On yesterday evening James Harbison and Nettie

Cooby[?] were married. Fannie and Fred at their [?]ph[?] at Mr. Bigham Harbisons this evening They went by way of Aunt Marry Littles and Riley and Nettie went with them. Late this eve Lizzie and Sammie Murdock called to see Fannie and Fred but as they were not here they did not stop long.

28 June Sat. Quite plesant. Mr. Mc. went with Mr. McElroy to Xenia to day. Came home by way of Henry Kendals - there for tea. Jack Wm West and Fred and Harlan busy plowing in field by the rail road - they finished it this eve. Emma went to Janes's this eve - will be back tomorrow evening. Fred and I took Aunt Jane home. Sister Mary Eliza sent some books of brother Riley's over - among which was Scott's complete Commentary of the Bible - which fell to out share 00 there are three volumes - I have long wanted a commentary - and to think we have it at last. Who could have thought it.

29 June Sabbath. Pleasant Mr. Mc. and Fannie at Old Side Church to day. All the rest of the children here with me - I would like to have done but could not be ready in time. This afternoon Bible reading & Catechism. This eve Mr. Mc. and Harlan and I at N. P. church. Had sermon by Rev. M. Campbell Text - "He hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world." Sermon very interesting.

30 June Monday. Very much like rain - Emma came home last night - and washed to day - and we ironed part of them this eve - Old Webster working in the garden - Wm West and Fred & Harlan plowing at the Barber place - Jack working with sheep Mr. Mc went by way of Mr. McElroys to Clifton - left here between four and five o clock took breakfast at Mr. McElroys Mr. Mc. looking at Lewes wool & etc. ~~Mr.~~ did not get home till ten o clock. Mr. John Harbison here with wool. Bro John and Robbie here with wool - staid with us for dinner. This afternoon Silas here he and John and Robbie here for tea - We had a little shower this eve. The company putting the wires on the Telegraph poles past our place to day. Taborn called this eve -

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July

1 July. Tues - Quite a pleasant day. We had a little shower this A.M. Wm West and Fred and Harlan plowing at the Barber place. John Busby came this forenoon - here for dinner - he and Mr. Mc. at Stretchers & looking at wool. Jack plowing in the orchard. Emma and Fannie and I finished the ironing at noon - This afternoon Fannie and Emma sewing. This eve I went to C- Jeannette came home with me - Georgea Bromegan very low - not expected to live long. Mr. Mc. across at Henry Kyles this evening.

2 July Wed. Warm. Mr. Mc. at John Wright this P.M. Called at the sisters. Little Matt left at nine o'clock for South Carolina again - Mr. Mc. home at one o'clock - for dinner. This afternoon he and Jack at the sheep - Bro Robert G- called - This afternoon James Andrew here and chatted with Mr. Mc. awhile. Wm West and Fred & Harlan began plowing in field by the rail road. Fannie and Emma finished my blue Calico - and began working on Fannies gingham. They have been at Mrs. Stretchers working on her machine most of the afternoon. Mr. Mc. at C- and J. Q. McMillan's this eve -

3 July. Thurs. Pleasant. Wm West and our two sons plowing. Mr. Mc. and Jack working on sheep - J. Q. McMillan and his two sons -- the Proff. J. H. Mc. & James H- brought their wool up - I had a very pleasant hour with John Henry. This afternoon made a beginning mowing the yard - Aunt Jeannette here - Emma & Fannie at F's gingham dress - they are at Mrs. S-s this afternoon again. Mr. Mc. took sheep to Joe Barbers pasture This eve all at home.

4 July Friday. Some few carriages passing to Picnics Damp after the heavy rain that fell last night - but clear to day. Some little sunshine. Wm West & Jack here - Wm W- & Harlan at C- at mill this afternoon. Emma went away last night to be ready to keep the Fourth with some of her friends in Springfield to day. Mr. T. P. Johnston here for dinner - he said he could not think of a better way to celebrate the day. This eve Mr. Mc. and Fred at Packers - there for tea - The "Fourth" has passed off very quietly this year - and the quieter it passes the better it is

for all. Georgea Bromegan is dead. She died on yesterday afternoon at half past three o'clock. Funeral tomorrow at two o'clock - We expected to let Emma stay till Monday morning - but Homer and Fannie went after her this eve - we want her here tomorrow. On Tuesday evening Mr. Mortons returned from their visit west - Mr. Morton went to see Georgea the next day - She had been anxiously waiting to see him for several days.

5 July. Sat. Quite a beautiful day - a good breeze - We left Fannie and Emma in charge of things - and Mr. Mc. and Aunt Jeannette and I attended Georgea's funeral. Aunt Jeannette went from here this morning. Mr. Morton conducted the exercises - Georgea had requested the first few verses of the fortieth Psalm to be sung and the 14th chap of John to be read - Mr. Morton made remarks on the second verse - "In my Fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" Heaven is a place a locality. A place of con-scious existence. Heaven is a Home - "my fathers house" Her body was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery - to await the resurrection morn. We made a little stop in Xenia before coming home. Jack and the boys at Joe Barbers trying to make a start with the self binder - a good many cutting wheat to day. Emma went home this eve.

6 July. Sabbath. Pleasant Harlan here with Clayton and Jason alone. Fannie Fred Homer & Clara at Sabbath School Mr. Mc. and I at preaching. Mr. Morton's text "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, not night; but it shall come to pass at evening time it shall be light." John Bromegan and two of the children at church - This afternoon Bible reading and catechism.

7 July Monday - Quite a nice day. Mr. Mc. at Connors for Emma this morning - she is washing to day - Mr. Mc. and Harlan & Homer and Jack at Springfield Fred at Joe Barbers - at noon we were pleasantly surprised by John Busby putting in his appearance to remain with us till after harvest. This has been a quiet day at our house This afternoon I finished the great part of the ironing this afternoon - it is now dark - Fred here this eve - The rest of the folks still absent.

8 July. Tuesday. Most a lovely summer day - neither too cold nor hot Just right. Mr. Mc and sons were detained last night with Jacks bad behavior - they did not reach here till after twelve last night. Cousin J. H. McMillans house was burned

down yesterday - Surely we are very dependent creatures - how little we know - how little we can do. Mr. Hatfield of Springfield here putting up a hay stacker - Busby & Wm West in truck patch - Frank Ervin here this morning Fred at Joe Barbers to day again - Barber is running our binder. Hatfield here till after tea when Mr. Mc. took him to the train.

9 July. Wed. Busby & Wm West and Harlan plowing. Fred at Barbers to day again. Jack in the sheep pen. Mr. Mc. and the little folks up at the pasture till dinner. This eve Fannie out for the first taking a horse back ride. Mr. Mc. and Clara and I went in Hatfields buggy to C- We drove out to Uncle Silas's a few minutes - Clara staid at Aunt Janes to visit Jennie Morton tomorrow. This is a beautiful evening.

10 July. Thurs. Most a beautiful day. We began Harvesting this morning - cutting wheat. Busby Wm W- and Jack S- and sons all at work. I drove Dasy to C- for the first time, this morning. Aunt Jane came home me and is with us to night. Sarah H- called when passing here to day. This Fannie and Effie Mc. out riding this eve - afterwards went with Willie to C- spent the eve at Uncle Joes in absence of Mary & Lizzie.

11 July Friday. Another nice day. Wm West John Busby Jack S- and our sons busy in the wheat field all day. Mr. Mc. Homer and Clayton at C- this a.m. This eve sister Jane and Mr. Mc. & little folks took supper to the field. Emma busy - so is all the rest of the folks. Mr. Mc. at C- Fannie went with him. Ervin and Cousin Bell return from Adams C to night.

12 July. Saturday. Quite a nice day. The men in the wheat till four o clock this eve - All the men of yesterday at work. Mr. Stephen Ph[?]liper walked down from the train at Selma at noon - here for dinner and spent the afternoon with us. Mr. Hugh called and then stopped and took him home with him as he returned from C- Mr. Phiper[?] expects to go up home at six o clock this eve. Fred out at Uncle Johns this eve - John Busby went with him to C- Aunt Jane went home with Uncle Dan

13 July Sabbath Another Pleasant day. Emma here - Homer at home with Clayton and Jason. Fannie Fred & Clara at church with Aunt Jane and came home this eve. Mr. Mc. and I at preaching Mr. Mortons text "I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold or hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." Mr. John Adams burried at

Jamestown to day - John Busby at the funeral - This afternoon Bible reading & catechism.

14 July. Monday. Wm West, Busby and Frank Ervin and Jack S- all at work plowing & etc. Emma washed and I ironed quite a good deal this eve - Mrs. Jack Stretcher at her mothers. Mr. Mc. around home - Mr. Hatfield called. Effie Mc. out this eve called here to see Fannie.

15 July Tues. Pleasant We began cutting grass in field by the old barn to day. Our men plowing - working in truck patch Wm West Ervin Busby & Jack S- here. This eve a German from Dayton here - will help for a few days - Emma sick Fannie & Homer took her to the Doctors at Selma and then home - Calie Jackson came back with Fannie to help us a few days - Mr. Mc. up the pike a little while this eve.

16 July. Wed. Quite a nice day. Some of the men plowing some in the truck patch - running the mower. Wm West, Busby & Ervin & Dayton German all busy & boarding with us - Jack S- at work. Fannie and Calie Jackson and I all busy - This eve Mr. Mc. and I at C- Prayer meeting at Aunt Janes Aunt Mary and grandmother there I did [not] get to see any of them I spent most of my time with Mr. Mc. up town.

17 July Thursday. This has been a lovely day with the exception of a little rain this evening - They moved the stack into field by the house worked it most of the afternoon till it got a little too damp - all the men of yesterday here to day. Aunt Jane and Aunt Matt brought Lulu & Jennie Morton out in Mr. M's buggy this morning Aunt Matt staid till after dinner - Aunt Janes and Lulu & Jennie M- with us to night - Our work and every-thing going on nicely. This eve Fannie out a horseback riding Clara very happy with Lulu & Jennie here. Effie out riding too.

18 July. Friday. Very much like rain this morning but contrary to all appearances it has been a beautiful day. John Busby Wm West Jack & Ervin and Fred all reeing the stacker in the hay field by the house. Our german cutting weeds. Aunt Jane and Calie and I busy. Fannie not feeling well. This afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Morton spent an hour with Mr. Mc. and me. I am suffering a good deal with a heavy cold. Lulu & Jennie and our little folks busy in their play house - had dinner in it to day.

19 July. Saturday. Another day day [sic]. Busby, Wm West- Ervin and Jack S- and Dayton German Lulu and Jennie Morton busy in the hay field. On yesterday evening Mr. Mc. & Harlan and Fannie called at Aunt Mary Littles and brought Ray home with them - Ray helping in the hay field to day. The little folks had their dinner in the yard. They finished the meadow by the house this P.M. This afternoon Lulu M- and I took Calie Jackson home - This eve Mr. Mc. took Aunt Jane & Lulu and Jennie M- and Ray Bromegan home - We have certainly had a busy week.

20 July Sabbath - Quite a nice day. John Busby and our Dayton German around to day. Harlan at home with Clayton and Jason. Fannie Fred Homer and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr. Mc. and I at church. Mr. Mortons text "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it that it bringeth forth more fruit." This eve at five o clock Mr. Mc. Nancy of Sparta Ill. preached at our church but none of us attended - Bible reading and catechism attended too.

21 July. Monday. Still dry - the road deep with dust. Hay mak-ing the order of the day. On yesterday evening old George Miller put in his appearance -- & he & our "Dayton" German, Busby & Wm West, Ervin & Joe Barber with us to day. This morning Homer at Aunt Mary Littles and at C- and brought out Ray Bromegan and Sarrah Haggard ~~out~~ - Mr. Mc. around home all day. Sarrah washed - Fannie and I very busy in the kitchen - all the above mentioned names here for dinner - Jack S- at work - as usual

22. July Thursday Another busy day. Our men in the lower meadow. Our Dayton German went away this morning. Old George - Busby Ervin, Taborn, Cavender Joe Barber & Wm West and Mr. Hatfield all in for dinner with Mr. Mc. This afternoon Ray Bromegan and Harlan went down to Aunt Mary Littles to help haul hay shock. He is to stay with Ray to night. This eve I went to C- expected to have brought Aunt Jeannette out with me - but met her coming out with Uncle Dan. I made but a brief stay in C- Saw grandmother and all the rest of the folks about a minute. R. Mc. up at the pasture late this eve -

23 July. Wed. Some appearance of rain. Men busy in the hay field as follows Busby, Cavender, Ervin -- & Wm West. Old german George went away this morning. They moved the stacker to the lower field this morning. I drove Dasy to town - when I came home Mr. Mc. was out with her when she got away from him and

threw him down in front of her and she & the buggy passed directly over him - and what is the strangest of all he was not hurt. She ran to the pike and smashed the buggy certainly we are kept from falling and from harm. How near to death yet persevered. Sarrah H- Aunt Jeannette & Fannie all busy This afternoon I feel almost sick if not altogether with cold - The men will not be in till dark for supper -

24 July Thurs. Joe Barber - Wm West Busby & Ervin here all day. Taborn here this afternoon - Fannie & Sarah took the supper out to them this evening. Mr. Mc. up the pike awhile this eve - met Mr. Puck[?] - Very much like rain all afternoon - quite cloudy this eve.

25 July Friday. Rain last night. Busby Taborn Ervin & Wm West here at wheat picking to day - Near noon Silas and Mollie and Walter came staid with us till after tea - Homer went with Walter to drive two [?]s home - he will stay out there till tomorrow eve - Aunt Jeannette with Sarah H- here at the work but is not feeling well - Emma here with her bro when passing. This morning Mr. Mc. at C- awhile. This P.M. Mr. Mc. and Silas at the sheep pasture; On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Hatfield and Harry Lott with Mr. Mc. help run the stacker.

26 July. Sat. Appearance of rain - with Mr. Mc. superintending the wheat finished at noon - Came up a very heavy rain then - work suspended the rest of the day - Busby, Ervin Wm West and Jack at the wheat - Mr. Mc. around home all day - This eve Fred took Aunt Jeannette and Sarah H- home. Mr. Mc. and Jack S- at C- Homer came home with them this eve - On the 18 [?]st young Dr Will Boyd late of Cedarville died in Mexico. The papers also notices the death of Ella Harper Jones late of Xenia. We have had a busy a [sic] week truly All have been busy.

27 July Sabbath. Pleasant after the rain Fannie Fred Harlan and Clara at Sabbath School Homer & Clayton and Jason at home with Busby Mr. Mc. and I at preaching - Mr. Mortons text - "The love of Christ constraineth us." We had quite an interesting after-noon every child recited their cat-echism and psalms and texts proper-ly and correctly - May this be the rule from this day and forward - such a course I am sure none can tell or estimate.

28 July Monday. Damp - Raining this morning. Wm West Ervin Busby all on hands and Jack S- some working with the sheep - some cutting weeds - Mr. Mc. up at the this morning and brought

Calie Jackson home to stay with us this week. Our men boarding with us to day as usual. This afternoon I went to C- Mr. Mc. at Selma - grandmother and Aunt Mary & Cousin Bells out at Silas to day - I called at Mr. Mortons and took tea with grandmother and Aunt Mary. Aunt Matt took a little ride with me as I went up town - I drove out to the old Jackson farm to Haggards - Sarah came home with me to wash for us tomorrow - It is damp and chilly this eve - Fannie and Calie waited on the men this eve - John Wright called and came in with Mr. Mc. to tea.

29 July. Tuesday. Still damp. Heavy rain last night - Ervin went away this morning. Busby and West cutting weeds. Jack at the sheep - Mr. Mc. has been busy hunting lost sheep all day - There are forty missing. Sarrah washed and is with us to night again. Calie and Fannie busy. This afternoon - Edd Linson called. This eve All of bro Johns family but Sammie called when returning from Henry Kyles and staid with us to tea - This John B- at C-

30 July. Wed. Provi-dentially no rain to day. Dave Little and Joe Barber here running the mower. Homer took Sarah home and brought Aunt Jane home with him - then he went to Aunt Mary L- and brought Ray out to help haul hay shocks - Clara and Clayton out helping us this P.M. Busby, Ervin and Wm West all at work - and Jack S- and our boys - Mr. Mc. in the hay field most of the day looking on. Aunt Jane and Calie took the supper to the field. Fannie out horse back riding a little bit this eve. Taborn here this P.M. Ray here to night.

31 July. Thurs. It seemed as though the rain would pour down this morning the clouds were so thick and so heavy but finally they scattered and the sun came forth and we have had a beautiful day. Dave L. and Joe Barber & Wm West and Busby & Ervin and Jack here & Taborn Mr. Mc. at C- this morning. Barber went away early this eve. & Taborn. Ray went home with eve - Fannie called at Kerrs-Finly[?]. Supper taken to the field this eve - Mr. Mc. as usual came up home for his.

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1 Sept Monday; Quite a nice day. Mr Mc at Xenia Jack at work again. Near noon Mrs [?] & her two sons Ervin and [Sirus?] came—here for dinner and for tea—the children and I gave them the best entertainment we could. Mr Mc had gone to John Wrights and to Xenia when they came—and did not get back till between eight and nine O clock—they were here awhile after he came—It's quite a beautiful evening to be out—Mr Covey was buried today.

2 Sept. Thurs. Fannie and I very busy. We finished ironing Mr Mc around home all day. This eve he and Harlan at Uncle John's. Fred and Harlan at the old press today at [?] Jack [washing?] with sheep Smith Pierce a resident of North Carolina came at noon from off the pike—he has taken a contract till Friday with us. All busy today again.

3 Sept. Wed. Quite a beautiful day. I took Fred and Mr Mc to Cedarville to the seven O clock train to attend the state fair at Columbus—they expected to be gone till tomorrow eve Aunt Jeanette came on home with me. Jack Smith hauling gravel to different points over the farm. Old Fanny Grant had a severe hemorage this afternoon—either from the lungs or else an artery broke—Mr Finley Kern and Mr Hammond called when passing and staid awhile at the farm. Aunt Jeanette and I called at Galbreaths for tomatoes we are canning this afternoon. This eve Willie and Effie Mc here. Jack and our new man Smith Pierce staying up tonight with Old Fanny.

4 Sept. Thurs. Another beautiful day. Jack and Smith up all night - about midnight we thought she was dying I was up then about two hours. Smith hauling gravel Jack waiting on Old Fanny! Bro Dan called. This eve [?] [?] brought [?] [?] up to stay with us till tomorrow. This afternoon I spent some time reading the Fiery Trial of An Infidel's Family. This eve Fannie [?] and Harlan went to the train for father and Fred. Mr Finley Kern rode up with them from the train. Fanny and [?] called to see Mrs. Robert Bird in C-

5 Sept. Friday. Beautiful day but very warm. Mr Mc and Fred at the Y Springs took dinner and tea with Mrs [?]-they reached home at dark. [?] and Fannie spent most of the day at the school

yard under the shade trees. This afternoon Homer and Clara went as far as C- and Fannie took [Danielle?] to Mr [?]. Jack hauling gravel and waiting on Old Fanny. Bro Silas here a [?] [?] this afternoon—Aunt Jeanette here today again and this evening.

6 Sept. Sat. At five O clock this morning. Mr McKisson called with [?] of sheep—made but a short stay as he had to be back for an early train. Between two and four O clock our Old Fanny Grant died. We were sorry to part with her. She had always been so faithful and [trusting?] I have finished reading Fiery Trials of An Infidel's Family written by Rev R.H Crozier. Surely "this very [smudged] [smudged] is [hard/hand?]" Mr Hattfield here for dinner and most of the afternoon—this eve Mr Mc at the pasture—near dark he took Aunt Jeanette home—Miss [?] [?] visiting at Aunt Janes and Aunt Rosannas. Mrs Levi Mitchells remains were brought to C- from Monmouth Ill. and were laid away in the Old Massie Creek Cemetery.

7 Sept. Sabt. Fred and Harlan at home with Jason. Fannie Homer and Clara at Sabbath Service. The monthly missionary money was raised in the classes this morning for the first. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. Mr Mortons text "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well [?] then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now." This afternoon the children recited their assigned lessons. This eve—wind a slight shower and a rainbow.

8 Sept. Monday. Clear again today. Our washing taken to Mrs S.S. Mrs [?] and [?] called this morning—here talking over business for a little while. Taborn here helping Jack and the boys get out corn. Fannie and I here alone at the work. This eve Fannie and her father attended a temperance meeting at the hall the address of the evening given by Mrs Olivia [Livingsford?] of Kansas. on the moral aspect of the present presidential campaign. The rest of the children and I here alone. J.A. Mc brought Aunt Jennie Mc over from Jamestown today. She was at the [?].

9 Sept. Tues. Pleasant but very warm. Thermometer 90. Taborn, Jack and Fred up the country all day—returned this eve with two loads of [tile?]. Mr Mc at Selma at [?][?]-and at the pasture Harlan and Homer with him. Fannie and I very busy as usual. The [?] and [?] in Xenia has just passed through a siege—Mr John [?] has withdrawn and another cashier will be appointed.

10 Sept. Wed. Still warm but a good breeze going. Jack and Harlan and Homer at the mill today all day they returned with

two loads this evening. Taborn at the Wright place all day—we sent his dinner with him. Mr Mc at C- and brought Sister Jennie Mc and Jeanette and Matt out to spend the day. Bro Silas around most of the day—here for dinner He and Aunt Matt went home early this eve—Aunt Jennie & Jeanette staid for tea—Mr Mc at Selma at [?] [?] took Jennie and Jeanette home after dark. We have had a real pleasant day. Bro Dan & Willie here most of the P.M. on a [?] with Mr Mc & Silas. Willie and Walter were at the exposition at Cincinnati yesterday.

11 Sept Thurs. Mr Mc Fannie Harlan and Homer at the Xenia fair today. Clara went home with Aunt Matt last night And will stay with Jennie Morton today instead of going to the fair. Mother, sister Mary and cousin Bill and their three children came out in Ervins new carriage—they were all here for dinner. Taborn and Jack S—here at work all day bringing in corn for [?]. Fred and Clayton and Jason and I here by our selves this evening. Aunt Jeanette at the fair and Mr Mc took ten there this eve. Fannie went home with Uncle Johns [?] at [?] [?] in Xenia.

12 Sept. Friday. Rather cool. Jack and Fred at the [tile?] in [university?] of Charleston. Taborn getting out corn on the Barber place—near noon I [?] the [music?] man from Springfield called. After dinner Mr Mc and Harlan at the fair. Clara went as far as C- to get her hair cut. This P.M. Calie Morton called. This night chilly this eve. Fannie went to the fair today with Uncle John and Aunt Mary. Mr Mc and Harlan came by way of Uncle Johns there for tea and all returned after dark.

13 Sept. Sat. Chilly Fannie and I, and in [?] everyone else very busy. Taborn and Jack busy getting out corn all day. Mr Mc and Jack working with horses this afternoon. Sister Rachel here and spent the afternoon. James went to Selma to the baseball [grounds?] and stopped as he went back—he and his mother here for tea. They were here till dark—all of us at home. Clara still in C-

14 Sept Sabbath. Frank Stretcher here with Homer and Jason—Fannie Fred and Harlan at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and I at preaching. Clayton with us. Sister Jennie Mc and the Miss [?] from [?] there. Mr Morton text "And they took the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down onto us, and brought us word again, and said it is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us." This eve Fred not feeling well the rest of the children read and recited their lessons—Communion Services at the Old side church today—preaching this eve—but more of us

there. We drove down to Grandmother Murdocks after preaching for Clara.

15 Sept. Monday. Quite a nice day day—but very dry and dusty. Up at an early hour this morning Mr Mc and I took a hasty trip to C- expected to meet Sarah Haggard but she did not come to town as expected home again and had the pleasure of entertaining Mr Brighan Harbison and daughter Mary Sister Jane and sister Jennie spending the day at Aunt Nancys Mrs Dean visiting in C- this month. Mr H- and daughter remained with us till after tea—This eve Mr Mc and I took another hasty trip to C-made but a brief stay in C- drove out as far as the Old Jackson Farm to Haggards but [?] [?] [?] as we could not get them out—we reached home after eight.

16 Sept. Tues. Cloudy part of the day—bright and clear this afternoon. Jack and boys gathering up hogs from Crawfords and around. Mr Mc at Selma at [?] [?] this eve. Fannie and Homer at C- this eve. Fannie and Aunt Jennie and Aunt Matt called to see Matt Small—[?] man [?] from the south called and took lunch—he promised to send us a girl when he returns South this fall. His name is Billie Williams.

17 Sept. Wed. Very cloudy for a long while this morning but bright and pleasant the remainder of the day. Jack and Harlan gathering corn from the Wright place. Fred and Mr Mc and spent the day at Uncle Silas's. We met Mr and Mrs Morton and [Cora?] Blair and [D.S.?] Ervin and Bell and Bro John and Sister Mary & Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary there—Fred spent the day at Uncle Johns with Fannie, we had quite a nice day at Silas's. We made but a brief call in C-The Wilberforce Singers having a Concert in C- tonight. Jeanette and Matt & Jennie spending the day at Rachels. Fannie Homer & Clara home alone with Clayton and Jason today. All at home this eve.

18 Sept Thurs Bright and pleasant. Mr Mc at Packers washing sheep. Bro Hue Walter Robbie here helping Jack and our boys pick apples for the cider mill—they were home for dinner. They got started to the mill near four O clock. Fred went with them and returned about nine Mr Mc returned near dark. This afternoon cousin Harvey Mc here Fannie called to see Maggie McMillan this afternoon and and went to C- a few minutes. Homer went home with cousin Harvey and came back with him.

19 Sept Friday. Quite pleasant. Quite a [?] busy day. Fred and Homer went early this morning as they conveniently could with apples and cider for Mr Shepherd. Mr Packer and boy here for

dinner they took three sheep home this afternoon. We are boiling down our cider to put away for a while. Bro Silas here this morning. Sister Jeanette came up this morning and here today. Fannie gathering we hope to get our wheat threshed tomorrow. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. late. Aunt Jeanette with us tonight.

20 Sept Sat. What a beautiful day. All up at an early hour. Fred took Aunt Jeanette home and Aunt Jane came back with him. Mrs Mary [blank] of New [?] Ohio is stopping in C- for a time has agreed to come & try everything for us—would have come out this morning but we concluded to have her wait till Monday. Mr Madden Ervin & son and [?] Morton and three other men here for dinner. They began threshing this P.M. in little hedge field [?] the tennant home—and finished all up nicely in time for a nine O clock supper—Mrs Stretcher here helping this afternoon—Aunt Jane with us tonight. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. Mrs Dean and Sister Jennie Jeanette, Matt and [?] spending the day at Bro Dans. Sister Jennie's there tonight.

21 Sept Sabb. Quite a nice day—but terribly dusty. Mr Morton preaching at [?] today. Aunt Jane went down home with Fannie and Fred when they went to Sabbath School. They went from there to the U.P. Church. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the U.P. church too. Had sermon Rev Mr Hammond. The minister that eve we met when we were over in Clinton Co. His text "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and the morning star." In the afternoon all of us but Fred went down to the Old Side church. Mr Sprowl [?] was on the [?] of David and Saul. This afternoon assigned lessons heard—I see the progress the children are making now.

22 Sept. Monday. Pleasant Mr Mc left early for Mr P.P Johnstons spent the day there—staid with them till afternoon reaching here near nine O clock. Sister Mary Little and Nellie and Sister Jane and Jennie Mc here for dinner and staid till afternoon—Sister Jane and Jennie with us tonight. Jennie and I took a walk up to the school house and sat on the stile awhile to talk. Sister Rachel and Sallie were invited here to dinner but they did not come. Fred brought the The folks out this morning and at the same time Mrs [blank] [illegible] [?] came along and took her place in our family this afternoon. Mrs Stretcher here helping all forenoon and awhile this afternoon.

23 Sept. Tues. A light sprinkle of rain fell this forenoon. Fannie and Clara took Aunt Jane and Jennie to Dave Williamsons today. Cousin J.H. McMillan called this morning—staid most of the A.M. on a trade—On yesterday Jack and Harlan took wheat over to Clifton. Mr Mc around all day. Jack and our boys getting out

corn. It's has been cloudy and dreary all day. Mary Wilson going right along with the work. Fannie and Clara did not get home till near dark. We expected Aunt Jennie to come back with them but she could not come. Matt [?] baby died today—it was seven weeks old. Mrs S. washed.

24 Sept. Wed. Very gloomy all morning. Jack and our boys around—Bro Silas Stopped when passing and here for dinner. This afternoon at two O clock Mr Mc and I attended the funeral of [E.H. Samuel's?] baby. It has rained hard all afternoon. It is is the first rain we have had since the [blank]. We called at grandmother Murdock and Aunt Janes this eve—Aunt Jennie goes to Jamestown tomorrow. This eve all at home. Fannie [making/machine?] my dress on her own acct—[?] and [?] and all—and I think she will succeed.

25 Sept. Thurs. [?] came out beautifully after the rain—but it was cloudy and damp for awhile this morning. Mary [W-/M-?] going on nicely with her work. Fannie sewing on my dress. Bro Silas and Hugh here for dinner and most of the day. Hugh came to C—this morning. He is holding truth at Bloomington, [now?], as heretofore. Fred at C— this afternoon I have accomplished but little today. Mr. Smith around here on a trade this A.M.

26 Sept. Friday. Pleasant till late this P.M. when a light shower came up—Mr Mc at C— this morning expecting to bring Rev Mr Hammond out to spend the day—but unfortunately he had a previous engagement. Bro Hugh left at noon. Fred at C— and out at Bro Johns—took dinner out there with grandmother Murdock and Aunt Mary, Uncle Silas and Aunt Mollie, this afternoon Mr Mc at the pasture up the pike—Fannie out to call on [Leslie?] Smith this afternoon and took advantage of the occasion and staid for tea. I called to see Mrs S. this P.M. Jack and Harlan getting out corn for the hogs—this eve all at home.

27 Sept Saturday Mr Mc around home all day. Joe Barber in here looking at steer. This afternoon Sister Jane and Calie Morton called. This eve Fred went by Cedarville to Clifton left me at grandmother Murdock's till he came back—Aunt Jane rode over with him to Clifton heavy rain while they were gone and still raining this eve. Fred took tea with Aunt Jane—We called at the hotel to see Mr Hammond & we came out he made arrangements to postpone his leaving C— till Tuesday and come out and spend the day with us on Monday. This eve all at home.

28 Sept Sabb. Damp and cloudy. Fannie Fred Harland and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. Mr Mortons

text "Who art thou O great mountain, before [?] thou shalt become a [?], and he shall bring forth the headstones thereof with [?], saying grace grace unto it." Heavy rain when returning from church. Mary Wilson and Homer and Jason at home. The assigned lessons heard in full this eve Bible reading and all.

29 Sept. Monday. Quite pleasant after the rain Mr Finley Kern opened school today in our school house on the pike. Fannie Homer and Clara there. Fred & Jack at Uncle Dans at the [?]. Mr [S.P.?] Barber brought Rev Mr [R.W/M.?] Hammond out this morning to spend the day with us. Joe Barber and Cousin J.H. McMillan and [?] Jones here taking away [steer?]. Mr Hammond here for dinner. The children were here at noon. This afternoon or evening—a heavy rain fell. Mr Mc and I took Mr Hammond to his boarding house—at the hotel. We called a little while to see some of his [?]. Mr & Mrs Barber came in to see us. Mr Hammond will bid goodbye to Cedarville in the morning and return to his home in Philadelphia. We had truly a pleasant day with him—This eve Mr Mc took tea with the sisters—staid with grandmother and Aunt Mary. This eve Mr Mc and I attended a temperance lecture at the hall given by Wilber Calvin John prohibition candidate for [blank]. Cousin Bell attended the exposition last week. Very damp tonight raining nearly all the evening.

30 Sept. Tues. Cloudy most of the day. Fannie Clara and Harlan at school Harlan began school this morning I hope he will not disappoint mother but will do his best to become a good scholar—a Christian gentlemen. Mrs [?] [?] called this morning. Mr Mc and Fred left for Xenia after an early dinner. Homer and Clayton and Jason hauling in [?] on a small scale. Mary W- and I both busy. Fannie received a letter from Emma [Comer?] she is teaching at [?] Ohio. Sister Mary [Mc?] received a letter from Crissie she is going to teach in [?] [?] this winter.

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1 Oct. Wed. Quite a nice day Fannie Harlan Homer & Clara at school Fred Clayton and Jason out hauling in [?]. Mr Mc around at the pastures—Bro Silas stopped when passing—here for dinner. The Ohio Presbytery met at our church this afternoon. We began sowing wheat today. J. H. McMillan & Maggie called this P.M. The [?] of Wilberforce at the hall in C- this eve—I wish Fannie could have been there.

2 Oct. Thurs. Quite a beautiful day. The children [all?] school but Fred. He and Clayton & Jason bringing in pumpkins till noon. Jack at the wheat [?] till noon. This afternoon he and Mr Mc at the sheep and Taborn is at the wheat sowing. Bro Dan called—this morning I and mother Murdock and cousin [Bill/Bell] and son Frank brought [?] to call he was here at the meeting of presbytery yesterday—and will return to the city at noon. Mrs S- washed this week—Mary W- is [?]-I am doing but little trying to rest up to be ready to enjoy tomorrow. This eve Mr Mc Fannie & Fred at C- hearing Republican speeches at the hall delivered Dr. Carson and [?] [?] they did not get back till late.

3 Oct Friday. Mr Mc left at an early hour this morning for C- returned in a little while with sister Jeanette and Matt with him. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school Clayton and Jason left here in Aunt Jeanettes and Mary Wilsons care. After an early dinner Mr Mc Aunt Matt and Fred and I left for Springfield. At two O clock we attended a grand prohibition meeting held in Blacks Opera House. The meeting in the afternoon addressed by Dr. Leonard. for the evening by Gov. John P. St John [?] prohibition candidate for president—the speeches were truly grand—the occasion truly delightful—Cedarville was well represented—we took supper at [?] house with Bro Ervins and Mr [Van Foosen?]-Cousin Bell and sister Mary both at the meeting. Sister Matt took tea with Mrs Stuart—I met Mrs S- at the night meeting—we left S- at half past nine reaching here at twelve. Very bright and clear—almost as bright as day—strange to say we scarcely feel tired. Aunt Matt rode home from Clifton with Mr Mortons. Mr Pidgeon of Reesville at the meeting.

4 Oct. Sat. Quite a nice day. Mr Mc and Jack at the sheep. Jack here with the sheep yesterday. Our boys all busy. Aunt Jeanette

with us today. This afternoon two Irishmen from off the pike stopped with us and began gathering potatoes. This eve Mr Mc and I took Aunt Jeanette home and went to the train to meet Mr [?] Smith [Buck?]-we had a pleasant drive out-it is a most beautiful night-clear without a cloud. We prepared tea for Mr B- after we came home.

5 Oct. Sabb. Quite a nice day. Mr [Buck?] Fannie Fred and Clara and I at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Homer at preaching. Harlan at home with Clayton and Jason. Mary Wilson and our Irish brothers here. Mr Mortons text-"And they told them all the words of Joseph which he had said unto them and when he saw the waggons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived." Jacob in that fammine land was a type of Christians in this sin cursed earth. Brothers and sisters we are in a famine stricken country-A land where there is no spiritual provision-no food for the soul & we often feel sad and depressed and forget that we are in communication with heaven-and receive all our needed supplies from there. This afternoon Mr [Buck?] read with the children and us the fifth-sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew-followed by [?]-we have had a pleasant and I hope a profitable Sabbath. All at home this eve-Mr B- with us.

6 Oct. Monday. Pleasant. Mr Mc took Mr [Buck?] to the train this morning. Our irish men resumed their work. Henry J. Brown, the Carpenter we have talked about came this morning just as we were going out to breakfast-he is planning for our house [appraising?]-Mr Mc home at noon. Taborn here today. Bro Silas around for dinner and here this P. M. Mrs Smith called. This eve Mr Mc and I attended a Republican speech at the hall delivered by an Hon Mr Chance-the meeting was of little importance. Aunt Matt and Mr Mortons and other at Xenia hearing Leonard at the Opera House-it is rather cool this eve-did not get home till near eleven. Fannie and Mary Wilson sitting up when we came.

7 Oct. Tues. Pleasant-our Irish men at work. J.H. McMillan and Henry J. Brown began roofing the wood house today. The children all at school. Fred at home on duty. Mr Mc at C- this morning. Aunt Jane came up a while today with us for dinner. Mr Mc among the sheep this afternoon. This eve he and Homer and I, and Jack-and Fred attended Leonard speech at the hall-the Prohibition party seemed to triumph tonight. I was anxious for Fannie to hear him but she did not want to go. The meeting was grand-speech excellent-Truth is mighty and will prevail-I don't have a single doubt as to the success of [scratched out "the"] Prohibition in this country. Let us not forget that right is

might "God and one man is a majority". Fannie and Mary W- at home with the children.

8 Oct Wed. Pleasant. Fred at C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane and Aunt Jeanette out to help with the apple butter making. The rest of the children at school as usual. J.H. Mc and H.J. Brown at the roofing of the house. Our irish bros and Taborn I think—at the work. Mary W- taking charge of the kitchen. Mr Mc around home awhile this morning—he and bro Silas away most of the day at Mr [?] Waddles sale. Aunt Jeanette rode down with Silas this eve.

9 Oct. Thurs. Pleasant. Sister Jeanette came up with Uncle Dan this morning. J.H. Mc and H.J. Brown at the roofing in [?]. Our irish men and [shearers?] & Taborn all at the potatoes helping. have a little leasure this morning but failed as [scratched out] there were in for dinner—Jack at work too. Mr Mc at C- this P.M. Aunt Jeanette went down home there too. We stirred off two kettles of butter today. Mrs Stretcher here all afternoon and till this eve assisting us with our work—she and Jack here for supper. Fred at Springfield with apples to the market—he took Clara with him for company. This A.M. three sons and Fannie and Mr Mc and I at a prohibition meeting at the school house. Rev Mr Morton, Van [Foss?] J.R. Orr, H. Kyle, S.K. Mitchel, S.J. Galbreath and Paul [Thomasson?] addressed the meeting—we had quite an enthusiastic meeting. Bro Dan was chairman—we had a nice audience.

10 Oct. Friday. Fred at C- for coal this morning. J.H. Mc and H.J. Brown at the roofing. Our irish boys—Taborn—& [?] [?] all here—Jack at work too. The children all at school as usual. Mr Mc around home most of the day. This eve he and J.H. Mc at a political meeting at Xenia. Aunt Jane with us tonight. Mrs Pigg washed for us and Mary and I finished ironing this eve—near dark Fred and Aunt Jane went to C- but were home in good time again.

11 Oct. Sat. Quite a nice day. Jack off duty. Our boys helping gather potatoes. Mr Mc let our irish boys pass on this morning. J.H. Mc and H.J. Brown at the roofing. This afternoon Cousin Bell and Sister Mary called. [Scratched out] also did bro Robt Galbreath & Robbie. This eve Mr Mc at C- Fred and I took Aunt Jane home—the Republicans are having Blaine and Logan demonstrations tonight they have a torch light procession the town was filling up—I guess they have forgotten that tomorrow is Sabbath—and by this [dissipation?] they will be ill prepared to keep it. I am glad to write that we are all at home and in our

place this evening. I called to see grandmother a few minutes--& Cousin Bell.

12 Oct Sabb. Very pleasant. Mary W- and H.G. Brown with us. Harlan at home with Clayton and Jason. Fannie Fred Homer and Clara at Sabbath school. Mr Mc and I at preaching. Mr Mortons text "Yea, doubtless but I count all things but loss, for the [?] calling of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." If we would be successful in winning souls we must have singleness of aim. We must not only resolve to do this one thing but we must do it. The Lord helps those who help themselves. If we would be successful in winning souls we must be faithful in pointing them to Jesus--the Savior of the world, the savior of sinners. This afternoon the lessons were all heard. [?]

13 Oct. Monday. Pleasant. Old George from Phifers yesterday evening--and went to C- this morning and came back this eve. H.J. Brown and J.H. Mc at the roofing. Jack Stretcher came back to work this morning--he has been away since Saturday morning. Mr Mc over at [Forbes's?]-came home at noon. Brought [?] into dinner. Fannie Harlan Homer Clara at school. I finished putting up mangoe pickles today. This afternoon Mr Mc at the sheep. This eve Mr Mc and Fred at C- at the St. John and Daniel's club. The meeting addressed by Rev Mr Morton and Henry Kyle and Mr [Vanfasson?]. I would like to have been there--but too many [cares?] prevented.

14 Oct. Tues. Pleasant today but cool. H.J. Brown & [?] W- at the roofing. This is the day of the state election--Jack and Taborn down and voted this morning. Secretary of state the highest office on the tickets. I went to C- this morning home in time for dinner I called to see [blank] she thinks she will come and work for us awhile. Old George picking apples--Harlan Fannie Homer and Clara at school. This afternoon near three O clock Mr Mc went down to the [election?]-Mary Wilson and I busy. I am making sliced pickles this P.M. A german from off the pike here for a warm lunch this evening and resting in the hay loft with Buffalo robe for a cover.

15 Oct Wed. H.J. Brown and [?] Mc at the roofing today again. Jack taking the [?] away and bringing brick home for the house. George gathering apples. Mr Mc around home all day Cousin Bell and Frank and Sister Mollie here for dinner and spending the day. Mollie done some sewing for me this P.M. This eve Mr Mc and Fannie at C- Cos Bell helped me with the ironing it's all

finished this eve. Mrs P washed for us. Our german who staid with last night night is here today-working in the yard.

16 Oct. Thurs. The children are all at school today again. H.J. Brown & [Jack?] Mc at the roofing-hope to finish this eve. Fred at Springfield with apples. He took Clayton with him for company. Mr Mc at a sale near Selma. The men are here with their hay press today at work. Jack at C- for brick this morning-Taborn helping Barber & co drill wheet today I washed four blankets [scratched out "today"]-Mary W- in the kitchen-Mr Mc at Penningtons sale.

17 Oct. Friday. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school Bro John called this morning. Mr Mc at Cal Stormonts a little while took dinner with the sisters at C- when passing. He reached home after two. Taborn & Jack drilling wheat for Joe Barber today. Fred and H.J. Brown at Springfield-drove the Smith mare when coming out of Springfield she made a sudden turn and started to [run?] when Fred was thrown out of the [?] and got bruised some on his face and back. They reached home about sun settling-Aunt Jane came home with Mr Mc this P.M.-and is with us tonight. John Busly and [?] Jones from Jamestown made a brief call this evening-Mr Mc went back to C- and Busly rode with him to the train. [?] Mc here finishing off the roof. Old George at the apples. This eve Fannie rode down to C- with [?] Small and from there rode out with Lizzie to Uncle Silas's to stay with them till Sabbath. I have kept this day a special day-as we journey through this "wilderness."

18 Oct. Sat. Quite a beautiful day. Mr Mc and H.J. Brown at Charlestown for lumber Taborn at Finley Kerns at the threshing. Jack there for an hour this morning-when he came home and finished Timothy sowing that they were at yesterday on the Barber place. Fred at C- this A.M. and this eve he and Homer took Aunt Jane home. I have been filling straw tick today. Mary W- busy in the kitchen. Old George at the apples. Every body busy. Mr Mc around the [lambs/lamp?] tonight.

19 Oct. Sabb. Cool-All up in good time this morning. Homer at home with Jason. Old George. H.J. Brown and Mary W- around home. Fred Harlan and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at preaching. Fannie came to church and Sabbath School with Uncle Silas's and came home this eve-Mr Mortons text-"This charge I commit unto thee son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before [?] these that chose by them mightest war a good warfare. The Christians life is presented [?] the figure of a warfare. This Christians warfare is good

because God & the Saviour and the holy spirit and the angels are all enlisted on his side. This afternoon spent with the children. This eve at seven O clock Rev J.H. Cooper preached at our church we left all of our boys at home—and Mr Mc and Fannie and I attended the preaching Clara went to Aunt Janes from church today and was at preaching this eve and will stay with them till morning. His text was "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our Sins in his own blood." The text itself is a sweet sermon—it is love that makes this earth nearest heaven and fits us for the happiness of a richer heaven. The love of Jesus in the heart—the sweet and sanctifying influences of the holy spirit. The sermon was fine—I will not write any extracts of it here tonight.

20 Oct. Monday. A [happy?] beautiful day. This morning Homer and I took the washing to Mrs P-s. We called at Aunt Janes and she and Clara came home with us. I met J.H. Cooper in C- he expected to come out today but concluded it was better to wait till a more convenient time—as we are so busy—Mr [?] here this A.M.—he and Mr Mc at [Parley?] took a lunch at the sisters and went to Mr Pollocks this P.M. Joe Barber hauling bricks for us today. Taborn and Jack hauling sand. H.J. Brown and [?] Mc began taking down the old porch and working on the new one today. Fannie at home today as [?] S- would not be at school. Harlan Homer and Clara there as usual—Mr Mc and all here as usual this eve.

21 Oct. Tues. A light shower this eve. This A.M. Mr Mc at C- Fannie went with him. They went in the carriage expecting to bring grandmother out but she did not come—they were home at noon. Fannie at school this afternoon as [?] was there. Homer Harlan and Clara there too. Old George at the apples. George Taborn here helping haul in hay. H.J. Brown and [?] Mc [calking?] roof of the dining room and the kitchen today. Aunt Jane still with us. This afternoon I went to town to insist upon mother coming to stay this week—but she concluded it was best to go to bro Johns to stay till Mary would come home—she and Bell and Mary Bell went to Clinton County this morning—they expect to stay till Friday. Mary Harbison called this afternoon—the hay men here at their [?]-they board with Mrs Stretcher All at home this eve.

22 Oct. Wed. H.J. Brown and [?] Mc working on porch-roofing [?]. Old George and Jack gathering cider apples. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school. After an early dinner Mr Mc and Fred at Charlestown for lumber—Fred went in the waggon—Mary W- taking charge of the kitchen—Aunt Jane and I made sugar apple butter

today. Mr [Jammason?] called. The masons from C- here this eve they expect to be here in the morning. Fannie and Mary W- and I finished the ironing this eve. Mr Mc and Fred came after dark.

23 Oct. Thurs. Cold this morning H.J. Brown and [?] Mc putting down floor in porch. Three masons here from Cedarville. Clive [?] and some other [men/are?] building up the brick work on Second Story of the dining room & kitchen—those three and our carpenters and Jack—Taborn and Old George eight in all here for dinner. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school. Fred helping. Mr Mc at C- a short time this morning—this afternoon up the pike at Smiths Joshua [Shims?] sale today. Mr Mc out there.

24 Oct. Friday. Another cold day. [?] Mc & H.J. Brown working on the porches. Only one of the masons here today till this eve some of the bro masons came and worked a little while—their work is progressing very slowly. Taborn attending them. Mr Mc and Jack at the sheep—he and Fred took them to Wilsons pasture today. Old George gathering sweet potatoes—it is so cold that one might think winter is here. This afternoon Aunt Jane and Mary Wilson at town. Aunt Matt and Nellie Little came back from Wilmington yesterday—Aunt Bell and Aunt Mary came back Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school. All at home this eve—around the fire.

25 Oct. Sat. Not quite so cold—Three masons here today here for dinner—finished up their contract this P.M. H.J. Brown & [?] Mc on [porches?]. Taborn here assisting in the [morn?]. We have had indeed a busy day. Aunt Jane with us. We moved the stove into the dining room this P.M. the masons building a flue to the kitchen. This afternoon [late?] Fannie and Fred took Aunt Jane home—they went out to see Sarah Haggard—she is to come next week—this eve Mr Mc and H.J. Brown at C-[freed/read?] a letter from [?] [?] [?]-

26 Oct. Sabb. Gloomy and cold. Fannie Homer & Clayton and Jason at home. Mary W- and H.J. Brown and Old George here. Fred Harlan and Clara at Sabbath School Mr Mc and I at preaching Mr Mortons text "A Foolish woman is [?], she is simple, and knoweth nothing, for she sitteth at the door of her house on a seat on the high places of the city [?] "She saith to him, ' stolen waters are sweet [?] "But he knoweth not that the dead are there, and that her guests are in the depths of hell." In these verses we have a graphic description of what Satan is and what he does. We have here a graphic description of the tempter and of the tempted. Satan sits at the door of the house—and conceals from the passersby the wretchedness and misery and woe into

which the open door leads he only gives us a view of the gilded saloon of the sparkling glass The doors of the tempters house is the opening through which persons enters enter into Satins domain. What are these doors! Evil lusts and passions neglect of duty—of social prayer—of the ordinances of religion—of family worship—the street corner where the idle stand and spend their hours Every saloon and [theater?] and ballroom and race track is a pass way to Satins kingdom. Lastly the terrible doom of those who enter in these doors But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell." This eve I heard the assigned lessons. We read the 14 chap of John.

27 Oct. Monday. Heavy rain last night—and rain most of the day—it was a very unwelcome visitor as the roof is still off of the dining room and kitchen. [?] Mc and H.J. Brown trying to work on house but to little advantage. Mr John Mitchel of London stopped with us for dinner passing from the Y. Springs. Old George on duty Jack around all day. Mr Mc here also—he called to see Joe Barber this eve. Fred started to school today. He and Fannie Harlan Homer & Clara there. This eve all at home.

28 Oct. Tues. Pleasant after the rain. Our carpenters [Y.A.?] Mc and H.J Brown putting on cornice on dining room and kitchen. George [?]. Jack has been away all day till after dark at cider mill. [Has?] been drinking is the cause of his late return. Bro Silas and [?] Collins here for dinner with our men. Mr Mc Fannie Aunt Jane and Aunt Bell at Xenia today. Fannie got a [drab?] felt hat. Aunt Bell made Fannie a present of black Rid gloves. The rest of the children at school. This eve Dr Carson of Xenia and Rev Dr Morton met at the hall to [discuss?] and defend the prohibition and Republican parties respectively. Fred and Homer and I over to hear them Mr Mc and Fannie stopped for it and were at Aunt Janes for tea—There was quite a good Audience.

29 Oct Wed. Rain nearly all day. Our kitchen and dining room literally soaked. Mary W- keeping up good cheer—and trying to make the best of it. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer & Clara all at school. Joe Barber here today to assist the carpenters but the rain prevented his working—H.J. Brown and [?] Mc worked most of the day. This was a day set apart for fasting and prayer previous to the election on Tuesday. I would like to have gone but the rain prevented it and the confusion of workers. This eve Mr Mc and I at C- I called at Mr Mortons and around a few minutes was out Reifs establishment and at Birds.

30 Oct. Thursday. Pleasant after the rain. J.H. Brown [?] Mc & Joe Barber & Jack [?] all putting on the roof today. All of the

children, [fine/five?] at school. Mr Mc at C- and brought Sarah H- out. Mary Wilson putting the day in on my cloak [?] and bonnet—I feel quite proud of her work. This eve Fred took her to C- she expects to go to her home in new [?] this week—we all felt sorry to have her leave for in many ways she is an excellent girl—always bright and cheery.

31 Oct. Friday. H.J. Brown [J.A.?] Mc & Joe Barber & Jack S- working at roof finished early this afternoon—Jack [?] bringing in hay this P.M. Our children all at school. Mr Mc at Clifton and in vicinity of Clifton took dinner at Mr [?]-reached home this eve. Miss [?] of Clifton aged twenty one died this week. This evening Mr. Jos Kyle—Mr Hendersons son in law—from Clinton Co. stopped in—was here for tea [illegible] with us tonight. He was in [illegible] today. We are certainly busy here these day—I Scarcely know how we manage through with it all.

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1 Nov. Sat. Quite a nice day. Our friend Mr Kyle left us this morning. H.G Brown and [?][?] Mc working on the stairs above and below the cellar. Sarah H. and Fannie and I all busy. Old George at the [corn?] etc. Mr McElroy called this A.M. This afternoon Mr Mc at the pasture and at Selma. This evening Mr Mc & Fred and J.H. Brown at C- they took Sarah home.

2 Nov. Sabb. Rained a little last night=gloomy today. Fannie Fred Homer and Clara at Sabbath School. Harlan at home with Clayton and Jason. H.G. Brown and Old George with us. Mr Mc and I at preaching Mr Mortons text "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." What the ark was to the old world Christ is to the world of sinners. To whom is this invitation extended? It is extended to Noah and heads of families. Come for your own sake, and for the sake of your children. Parents have a wonderful influence upon their children wheather they know it or not, and this influence will tell in the coming years—and in eternity. This evening the assigned lessons were heard. Bible reading included.

3 Nov. Monday. Gloomy. Homer at C- this morning and brought Aunt Jane and Sarah H- out. He took the washing to Mrs P. [Mr J.D. McKisson?] here a little while this morning—we had a pleasant hour with him. Near noon Mr Mc and Fred left for Charlestown for lumber—did not reach home till after dark. Old George and Jack bringing in potatoes [?]-H.G. Brown and [?] Mc at their carpenter work as usual. Aunt Jane and I canning apples—Sarah at the cooking etc. The rest of the children at school.

4 Nov. Tues. Gloomy. Our men, H.G. Brown & [?] Mc at their work. Old George and Jack busy in the cellar and in the field. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at School. Mr Mc at C- this A.M. took dinner at the Sisters.—came back and took Aunt Jane & me down. I left Clayton and Jason with Sarah till the children would come from School. Mr Mc and I took tea at mothers—she and Mary there. Silas & Mollie there for tea too. Raining some this eve—quite chilly. This the event day of the Presidential election J.P. Blain, Grover Cleveland John P. St. John the Candidates. Everything very quiet in C- today.

5 Nov. [Wed?]. A few drops of snow falling now and then to remind us that winter is coming. The children, [gone?], at School. H.G. Brown alone at the carpenter work. Old George and Jack bringing in the potatoes and corn—Sarah and I finished the ironing. This afternoon Mr Mc at C- took tea at the Sisters—one of the milk cows came up over fed and over watered. Seemed for a while to be in a critical condition—Fred went to town for his father—but when he reached home she was better. The papers all full and running over with the news from the election—reports seem to be in favor of the Democrats—

6 Nov Wed. Quite a nice day but cold. A little snow fell last night. [?] Mc and H.G. Brown both hammering away—laying the floor in bedrooms and putting up enclosure around the stairs. Old George at the husking Our new hand Charles Molno practical Shepherd came this morning—he and Jack hauling in hay etc. This morning Mr Mc left for C- expecting to go to Xenia—but found his wants at S.K. Mitchels lumber yard—took dinner with the Sisters and came home. Sale at Steve Rifles today—but Mr Mc was not in attendance—Sarah and I busy very busy. The children were all at school as usual. This eve Fannie and Fred at C- Fannie went to show her new bonnet one of her own [manufacturing?]-Aunt Bell is pleased with it—the latest news from the election The Democrats still claim the victory. After school Fannie called at Uncle Dans.

7 Nov. Thurs. Gloomy and cold. Fast-day in our church—previous to our Communion. H.G. Brown alone at the house. Jack our Shepherd bringing in hay. Sarah at her post. Fannie at home with Clayton and Jason—she has headache—Mr Mc Fred Harlan Homer and Clara and I at church = Sermon by Rev Crawford late of [?] Ill—now pastor of the [?] congregation His Text "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself to walk as even he walked." If we walk in Christ we should live to his glory. Surely it is very dishonoring to the Loveing Saviour not to honor him and to live to his glory. We are also to walk in holiness—O how holy our Saviour was in his life—we are also to walk in obedience to his Commands. We are also to walk in activity. He preached and taught by the way & by the Sea Side and where ever he went. Christ did not only attend to the great things but to the little things also. In self denial is another way in which we walk with Christ. To walk with Christ we must be tender and forgiving. To do all of this we need a change of heart—our nature must be changed—and we must have strong resolutions to come out and serve Him & walk with him but others do as they will. We must also have Communion with him = love him and even enjoy his

company. It is a noble thing to walk in Christ—and it is pleasing to our father which is in heaven. We had dinner prepared for Mr Crawford and expected to have him home with us—but he will not come till after the Communion. At three O clock this P.M. Homer and Clara and I attended prayer meeting at Uncle Dans. We had truly [?] earnest good meeting. This eve all at home—Our three men around the fire. The children recited their catechism and Golden texts.

8 Nov. Sat. Pleasant—Mr Smith called this morning—he and Mr [?] filling glass in the windows at the School house today. Mr [?] called this eve—Mr Mc around here and there this AM, at different pastures and around all A.M. H.G. Brown hanging the doors upstairs. Old George at the corn. Jack hauling in hay—which was left from the press. Sarah and the [?] of us busy. This afternoon Mr Mc Fannie and Fred and Clara and I at church. Rev. Crawford preached text "Who is he that condemmeth? It is Christ that died yea, rather that is risen again, who is now at the right hand of God who also maketh intercession for us." A few facts gathered in detail from the text. What is it that makes Paul so exultant: In the death scene on Calvery—he saw the sins in which he was wrapped taken away forever and a flame of love kindled in his heart for his Saviour God. He saw all of his sins cast away in the depth of the Saviours blood. He saw in the horrible death scene of Calvery deliverance from the grave. The third cause of Christ exaltation was the exaltation of Christ to Gods right hand—and the last of his intercession—One specialty of Christs intercession he takes the worst cases and pleads with his father for their acquittal. In Conclusion—What think you of Christ? Can you say he is the chief among ten thousand—yea altogether lovely. Can you give him the chief place in your heart? If there is darkness in your heart Christ can remove it and fill it with the sunshine of his love—If there is [trouble?] He can take it away and fill your heart with joy. Therefore be glad and rejoice in your Saviour. After preaching we were down in town a little while. Fannie at Mary Caldwells. Mr Crawford stopping with the sister. After we came home Fred went to C—with the carpenter H.G. Brown by the way of accommodation. He staid at Aunt Janes till he was ready to come out. The Democrats still claim the victory. Clara at Aunt Janes to.

9th Nov. Sabb. What a delightful day. Day of our Communion. Fannie Fred, Harlan at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. Mr Morton preached—text. "Thine eye shall see the King in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off." Thou shall have happiness & glory in the near future—subject of this text see journal for 1881. Page 201. This

afternoon we had our Communion services. One of our good brother Mr. James S. McCollum when seated at the table was taken suddenly ill—he and his wife and sisters arose from the table and he died about the time they reached the vestibule—To the Christian sudden death is sudden glory" He was certainly a lovely Christian, meek and lowly, walked very closely in the footsteps of the master—He was a very humble child not much known in this world but he was known in heaven—O, "I would rather be the least of them—whom Jesus calls his own Than wear a royal diadem or sit upon a throne." This afternoon we did not reach home till after five. Sarah had dinner all prepared Homer and Jason at home today. Old George H.G. Brown & all with us. This eve preaching at half past nine by Rev Mr Crawford—Clara came home with us—and Fannie went to Aunt Janes to be ready for the evening service—Mr Mc and Fred at preaching—Sarah went down with them to attend her church. Fannie came home with them—Fanny was at Aunt Nancys this eve—I would have like to have been at church but staid at home to talk to H.G. B- but as it happened he retired early and there was not one word spoken—I heard a [?] Psalms and questions.

10 Nov. Monday. Quite a beautiful day. Mr Mc took the washing to Mrs P-s and brought Sarah out—Fannie and I have had quite a busy morning to be ready in time for church. H.J. Brown busy at the finishing up of his carpenter work. Jack at this, that and the other all day. George at the corn. Fred Harlan Homer [Homer scratched out] and Clara at School. Clayton and Jason and Homer at home with Sarah—Mr Mc & Fannie and I church—Leenette McMillan, Fannie Morton [?] and [Randy?] were the babies which were baptized today. O Rev Crawford preached text—"Preach the word." This evening Mr Crawford and sister Matt stopped with us for tea—they were at Uncle Dans for dinner. They were here till near nine when Mr Mc took them down home. Mr Mc up the pike a while this P.M. Fannie did not go to school this afternoon.

11 Nov. Tues. Cool but otherwise quite pleasant. At an early hour Mr Mc left for Mr Phifers. Hugh's foreman went with him to see Mr Phifer. The children, fine, at school. Jack at [illegible] Shepherd began working on sheep today. H.G. Brown ["and Harlan" crossed out] working on bookcase today. Sarah and I finished ironing this afternoon—she kept Clayton & Jason while I was at town—I called at Aunt Rachel with Sallie and Nannie S- attended to a little business in C- stopped to speak to grandmother. Mr Crawford and Aunt Jane at sister Mary Little today. Mr Mc and I were invited also. Homer at school this P.M.

12 Nov Wed. Gloomy but not much cold. Fannie, Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at school. Clayton and Jason here in Sarahs care all day. Mr Mc and I out at Mr James McCollums funeral at ten this P.M. Rev Mr Sprowl, Morton, and Crawford conducted the exercises. There were a great many at the funeral. We went home with Silas and Mollie there for dinner and they went with us in the carriage to Xenia—We did not have a great deal to do but get a few things—for our carpenters. We did not get home till after dark. Mr Crawford went home at twelve O clock today.

13 Nov. Thurs. Quite a nice day. H.G. Brown busy all day—is hanging the door in porch from boys room tonight. Mr Mc at Charlestown this A.M. The children all at school. Fannie came home at noon and went with her father to Cedarville and got Dr [Polman?] take a tooth out for her. Bessie Caldwell and her [?] Mr Armstrong came to C- yesterday at noon—they are to spend awhile with us. Our shepherd and Jack working on sheep. George husking—Sarah & busy all day. This eve Mr Mc at C- again Aunt Jane and Aunt Jeannette at Springfield today.

14 Nov. Friday. Most a lovely day. Mr Mc and I took our carpenter H.G Brown to Springfield today by the way of accommodation—He finished his contract at ten O clock to be ready to depart this morning. He gave us a present of a handsome bookcase—one of his own manufacturing. [?] Mc here painting most of the day. Our shepherd and Jack at the sheep—William West began husking this morning—he loads at Jacks—the children all at school. Clayton and Jason here in Sarah's care. Mr Mc and I had a pleasant day in S- I called to see Lizzie Stuart but she was not at home. We called at Driscols and went through there machine shop. I got only a few little items while in S- they had a big Democrat rally in S- yesterday and one in Clifton this eve. Fannie went with Will Mc to town this eve to meet Bessie at Mary Caldwells and spend the night with them—we found everything going on all right when we returned.

15 Nov. Sat. Another pleasant day. Homer went to C- this morning and brought Grandmother Murdock and Aunt Jane out—I expected Fannie home but she went with Mary C- and Bessie to Aunt [?] to dinner. This eve Aunt Jane went down early to be ready to entertain Mrs Ellen [Cooly?] and her [?] Mrs Ewing = Mr Mc called at Mr D. Barbers this morning. Mr Stephen Phifer came to Selma on the morning train and rode down here with Harry [?]-he and Mr Mc chatting most of the day—they were at [?] this A.M. and P.M.—he and Mr Phifer at C- rode up home with Mr [?] expect to go back on the evening train to London. Bro Silas here for dinner and around awhile. Fred took grandmother home—Sarah went

home at the same time = Fannie came back with Fred. Mr Mc around the lamp.

16 Nov. Sabb. Quite a lovely day. Mr Mc took Fannie and went by way of town and took Mary C- and Bessie over to the old church in Clifton where Bessies father and mother used to attend when they were here—Homer and Clara and I packed our lunch and went down to the Old Side church and staid all day. Fred Harlan and Clayton and Jason at home. Old George and our shepherd around Mr Sprowls. [?] of discourse [?] text was—"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issue of life" etc. This afternoon subject of lecture was a sketch of Davids life in [?] with king Saul. Mr J.D. McMillan is very low not expected to live. This eve the assigned lessons heard—Bible reading at six O clock this eve Mr Mc and Fannie and I at the U.P. church. Sermon by Rev John McCordell of Philadelphia text: "because in him is formed some good thing" see 1st Kings last clause of 13th verse. Their new pastor Rev A.M. Campbell in pulpit he moved into the parsonage last week—and preached for them today.

17 Nov. Monday. Very gloomy all day. Homer took the washing to Mrs P. and brought Sarah out. Fannie Harlan Homer and Clara at school. Fred was there for awhile this morning—but was excused to come home and go hunting with Jas. Caldwell and Mr Hal Armstrong late of Missouri—we expected them here for dinner but Will Mc took them in with him to dine. Mr Mc at C- and out at bro Johns there for dinner. Old George our shepherd Charlie & Jack all at he corn—two colored men here for lunch and cleaned leaves of the yard awhile. Mr John Mitchel east of C- called Mr Mc home this afternoon and went up to the pasture—all at home this eve—Mr Morton at Pittsburg assisting Mr Douglass with communion yesterday—he returned home this morning having left early on account of Mr James D. McMillans—illness—and went out directly from the train this morning.

18 Nov. Tues. Very gloomy and altogether like winter. Snowed some little last night. Fannie Fred Harlan Homer and Clara at school. Mr Mc and Charlie at the pasture at Wilsons this A.M. and at Selma—This afternoon at C- He did not get home till near dark = After school this eve Fannie and Fred drove down to Aunt Mary Littles for Bessie Caldwell etc. they found them at Uncle Joes. They came home after eight—Fannie and Fred having taken tea at Aunt Jane—Bessie and Mary Caldwell and Hal Armstrong came out with them and are with us tonight. Dominoes the order of the evening.

19 Nov. Wed. Quite a nice day. This morning I drove down to Xenia alone I expected to have got company in C- but Bell and Ervin & Sister Mary had already gone. I attended the Anti-[?] Convention at Dr Carsons church today. The house filled up with deligates and spectators. I called at Fred Smiths music room a little while—This eve Mrs Samuel [?] and Sister Mary rode out home with me. This morning Mr Mc and Sister Jane called at Cousin Bell McMillans James D. having died last night at nine O clock—I was sorry he did not get to see him before he died. Willie Mc came down this morning and had Fannie and Bessie and Mary C- go there for dinner. Fred and Hal Armstrong here for dinner. This eve Davie Williamson came and took the girls down to his house to stay tonight—Fannie went there after tea this eve Fred Harlan Homer and Hal Armstrong went with Mr Mc to C- to be present at some "political demonstration"--& "[D?]" Hal did not come back with them. I brought the washing up from Mrs P-s and finished most of the ironing.

20 Nov. Thurs. Quite a nice day. Charlie and Jack hauling corn Old George planting winter onions and putting away the winter apples in [straw?] [?] in the garden. Our boys and Clara at school. I sewed on Mr Mcs drawers today. Sarah busy. This P.M. Mr Mc and James A. Mc at Xenia and into the night at a "Cleveland [jollification?]." Gov. spoke in the afternoon. This eve Fred went to bring Fannie and the girls up here he found them at Aunt Rachels with their arrangements to stay all night—Fannie is to come in the morning. They spent the day at Uncle Joes.

21 Nov. Friday. Rather chilly—but otherwise bright and pleasant. Fannie came this morning = Mr Mc and I attended the funeral of Cos James [?] McMillan at ten O clock this morning. The exercises conducted by Rev Morton and Wright. His death was truly a Triumphant one—his work was done and well done and God called him home—he leaves a nice family of godly children—what could he have asked more? What could he have asked less? Aunt Matt rode with us to the cemetery—there was quite a long procession. We took dinner at Aunt Janes. Mother and Mary were going out with Johns = I met Hall Henderson he has been attending the convention in X-. James A. Mc and Jack working on sheep—Fannie and Fred took Bessie and Mary Caldwell with them to Xenia today—This eve Fred came home alone leaving Fannie to stay tonight with the girls at Aunt Janes—Bessie goes away in the morning. Sarah here with Clayton and Jason—Harlan Homer and Clara were at school. This eve Jack here looking over accts. I called to see Mrs S- mother this eve.

22 Nov-Saturday. Pleasant today again. Jack S. here this morning and completed his arrangements to go to Springfield—he and Mrs S- there today. [?] [?] Mc here on repairs—painting etc. Homer at C- this morning—[?] [?] and Robbie G- came out with him—[?] Morton came out at an early hour this morning—he and Fred and Homer out a hunting in one company and Harlan with the other boys in another company—all here for dinner—Mr [?] here for sheep this A.M. Our shepherd busy all day at this and that. Old George at C- this afternoon. Mr Mc around home at Joe Barbers and the pastures [?] all day. This eve Fred at C- and brought Fannie home. She spent most of the day at Aunt Janes and Aunt Nancys working on her blue calico dress. Bessie and her Cos. Hal Armstrong went to London at ten O clock on their way home. The girls got their pictures taken in X- yesterday. Fannie received a letter from [?] [?] this eve she sent Fannie a velvet worked cover for a pin cushion. I received a letter from H.G. Brown this eve—I am glad he proposes coming back to us.

23 Nov. Sabb. Fred Harlan and Clara at Sabbath School. Mr Mc and Clayton and I at church. Mr Mortons text—"Return unto thy rest O my soul: for the Lord has dealt bountifully with thee." Subject of the text is the souls rest. What is the souls rest? God is the souls rest—In his word—in his promise—and in his blessings is the rest of the soul. If our heart is right with God—no matter what the storm and tempest is without within we are at rest—and peace. We have peace with God in His character and in the perfection of His attributes. No matter what the straits in which we are placed we have an all powerful Saviour to look to and depend upon for deliverance and guidance. We have rest also in the power and love of God. As a father pitieth his children so our heavenly father pitieth his loving and humble children—Christ is the rest of the soul in the hour of perplexity and adversity. The holy spirit is the rest of the soul. The children of God find rest in the religion of Jesus. The soul finds rest in the graces of the spirit and in the doctrines of religion. Heaven is also the final rest of the soul—there is here no perfect rest—but blessed be God there remaineth a rest for the people of God."—in that glorious land beyond the river of death—This afternoon the catechism and the Bible reading etc. the order of the hour Sarah here till this P.M. when she walked [?] home—to church etc. Old George and Charlie here—

24 Nov. Monday. Very cold last night and today. Homer took the washing to Mrs P- and brought Sarah [K?] and Aunt Jane out = Aunt Jane superintending—Old George white washed the kitchen—at noon we moved the cooking stove out of dining room back to the kitchen again—and Sarah and I finished cleaning the kitchen by

lamp light—Mr Ryan late of Ireland, who has been stopping with Joe Barber for a month took up his abode with us today. Two tramps here for a warm breakfast after a prolonged work in the yard. All the children at school—Homer came at noon and went with Mr Ryan to C- for coal for us and Aunt Janes—Charlie at the sheep. Aunt Jane making drawers for the boys. Mr Mc around home all day, at the pasture etc. A Springfield stockman here for one of our "cows"—left Jack off duty since Saturday.

25 Nov. Tues. Not quite so cold. The children all at school. Charlie and Mr Ryan busy. Old George finished white washing the dining room and with Aunt Janes help and Sarah's and mine we finished cleaning it & put up stove and put down the carpet and all. Mr Mc at Selma this afternoon—This eve Mr Mc and Fannie at C- took tea at Aunt Jeanettes—Old George left us to give place to Mr Ryan—he went away this P.M.

26 Nov Wed. Not quite so cold. Homer took Aunt Jane down this morning—before school—he and all the rest of the children at school. Sarah and I very busy. Charlie and Jack working with sheep—Jack absent since Friday eve. Mr Ryan busy—Bro Silas and Sister Mary here for dinner—Mary staid till this eve. Prayer meeting here this afternoon—we had it in the parlor. Bro Robert G- here—he was almost sick with cold. This eve Homer and I at C- Aunt Mary went with us. After we came home Sarah and I done the ironing. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. I called to see Mr Morton this eve and gave him the little present Mr Phiifer left him as a token of his love and esteem \$2.75 = for which Mr Morton seemed truly grateful—

27 Nov. Thursday. Thanksgiving day—And O how much we need just such a day, if we would keep the day of our master would be pleased with. We need a Thanksgiving day for our own sakes—for our spiritual and temporal advancement. God loves those who are truly thankful for His many mercies—And by acknowledging him as the great giver we honor Him. Mr Mc and Fred and Homer and I attended Thanksgiving service at the U.P. church—we had union service their church and ours [?]. Rev [A.W./A.M.?] Campbell preached text—"When thou hast eaten and are full, then thou shall bless the Lord thy God, for the good which he hath given thee" Aunt Jeanette came up home with us to dinner—Fannie and Sarah had a turkey prepared. This eve Fred and Fannie took her down home—Sarah went at the same time to be away till Monday. On yesterday evening Dave Turbull and Ada Stevenson were married.

28 November Friday. Rained some little today. Bro Silas here and went with Mr Mc to T.P. Johnstons—they were here for tea when

they returned. The children all at school. Fannie had an essay-subject—"why women should not vote"—Charlie working with sheep Mr Ryan at the corn husking with Jack. This eve Homer at C- and brought Fannies photographs from the office.

29 Nov. Sat. Gloomy all day. Jason sick last night Mr Mc at C- for medicine for him this morning. Fannie and I busy at the work. The boys cleaning up the yard. Charlie at the sheep—Jack Stretcher & Mr Ryan at the corn. This P.M. Mr Mc at Selma and to Cedarville. Fred at C- this eve. This afternoon Mr Forbes and his son William and [?] [?] were out hunting—came in about two O clock and had dinner = Fannie and I have had a busy day without Sarah being here to help us.

30 Nov. Sabb. Gloomy Fannie Fred Harlan and Homer at Sabbath School Mr Mc at preaching alone—Jason a great deal better—he and Clayton and Clara here with me—I read to Clara most of the time Old William and Charlie here. Mr Mortons text "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people [uncovered?]?" This evening Bible reading and catechism.